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\$55,000 grab — Seal, Jones

BY KEITH GILMOUR

PROLIFIC scoring Young Soccerroo striker David Seal and versatile defender Mark Jones have now officially switched from Sydney Croatia to high-flying Marconi.

The package deal sees Sydney Croatia reimbursed with a \$55,000 cheque in

the new NSL season's biggest deal. Seal cost \$35,000 and Jones \$20,000.

Marconi will have the high priced pair, together with ex-Melbourne Croatia star John Markovski, on show at Sydney's Croatian Sports Centre in a trial clash with the local side on Friday night at 7pm.

It will be interest-

ing indeed to witness the first match in which Seal and Jones appear against their former club.

Lining up for Croatia will be former Morwell Falcons star Gordon Scott, who was good enough to collect a Scottish First Division winners' medal with Hamilton Academical in 1988.

Also signed by

Croatia are Robert Runje from Preston and Clayton Koch from Pine Rivers club in Brisbane.

Sydney Croatia manager Tony Vrzi-na has a few more aces up his sleeve.

"We expect to have Chilean striker Hector Perez here any day now."

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National League promotion dispute

TALKS are continuing to resolve an impasse between the NSL and the Australian Soccer Federation over promotion and relegation from the NSL at the end of this summer.

The two parties are trying to reach a compromise before the NSL's annual meeting on September 22.

The problem involves a settlement over the recommendations on promotion and relegation contained in the Bradley Report.

NSL chairman Sam Papisavas is opposed to the report's recommendations, which he states allow for five clubs from Melbourne and Sydney and insist on the inclusion of clubs from Brisbane, Newcastle, Canberra, Perth and Hobart, regardless of the standard.



"There has been strong pressure from member clubs to find a solution before the season starts. There is another meeting in Sydney on Wednesday with the board of commissioners," he added.

ASF chairman John Constantine commented: "The report allows for four teams from each city once the clubs from other centres prove they have the necessary strength, and five each for the interim period."

"Obviously proper standards for the clubs will be observed."

The NSL wants to place the onus on state federations to present new teams for the play-offs.

Canberra's Difficulties

BY
PAUL GOODWIN

CANBERRA Croatia's 2-1 loss to Rockdale Ilinden at home on Deakin Oval on Saturday has put them in all sorts of trouble in their bid to obtain National Soccer League rating.

Sitting in the best position is Wollongong Macedonia, who will win promotion if they defeat Polonia at Chopin Park on Sunday, and in fact one point would suffice.

In their other weekend games Canberra defeated Warringah 1-0, whilst Wollongong Macedonia did well to defeat Blacktown City 1-0 at the Gabbie.

Wollongong Macedonia could be looking for a new coach if they make the NSL.

Experienced Casey de Bruin says he has to concentrate on his decorating business in future.



Wollongong Macedonia (right) against Blacktown City. The club seems on track to the NSL — Pic S. GOSCH/AVENEWS.



Heidelberg's Phil Stubbins flies to win a header against Jim McBride of Morwell Falcons — photo by Joe Montemurro.

Lahiff — have gloves, will travel

BY MARK STRACHAN

CLASSY goalkeeper Sean Lahiff is seriously thinking about returning to Australia, due to his difficulty in obtaining work permits to play football in Europe.

Permits simply aren't available, as his parents and all his relatives are Australian born and bred.

After having short spells with Glasgow Rangers reserves and Reading in the United Kingdom and a season or two with Koparit in Finland, he believes that he is more than prepared for anything Australia's National Soccer League strikers can direct his way.

As an extra measure of his ability, he has also impressed two or three clubs in the West German Bundesliga.

Lahiff injured a shoulder whilst playing with Koparit, and returned to Australia to recuperate last December.

Upon recovering, he next went to England for three weeks training with Eddie Niedzwiecki, the former



SEAN LAHIFF

long serving Chelsea goalkeeper, now with Reading.

Whilst there he impressed them enough to play a big hand in the club's 2-0 win over Watford.

The bad news came upon his return to Koparit for the Finnish season.

The club informed him that they could not afford to pay the money he was due.

Lahiff tried to forget the internal politics and concentrate on his football.

Eventually he received his contract money, after which he left the club to trial with the three West German clubs.

Lahiff's departure from Koparit coincided with its considerable drop in stature, falling from runners-up the previous season, to second last in the season just completed.

His brave goalkeeping had a lot to do with that, according to the Finnish press reports that have come to hand.

At the present time he is in England, training with highly placed third division Reading, but once again unable to secure a work permit.

The talented youngster has recently received offers from Slough Town and GM Vauxhall Conference side Barnet, the former club of Melbourne Croatia star Francis Awaritefe.

But now he is available to play back home in Australia, where he was originally a product of Sydney's huge Manly-Warringah junior nursery.

Clubs wishing to contact him can ring Fred Wall (bus 369 2077 or home 939 2472) or Allan Lahiff (bus 949 2217 or home 452 4023).

Aussies abroad in the news

BY LOU GAUTIER

FORMER Melbourne JUST and Socceroo midfielder Vlado Bozinovski has been given a big wrap by the mass-circulation FRANCE FOOTBALL.



Vlado Bozinovski (No 10) in action for JUST against South Melbourne in 1988 — CARMELO BAZZANO photo.

The authoritative French weekly writes that Bozinovski is shaping up as one of the revelations of the new Portuguese season.

Bozinovski, who moved to glamour Lisbon club Sporting this season from Beira Mar, is not only a regular first team starter, but has been amongst Sporting's best players so far this season.

Sporting lead the Portuguese First Division after four rounds.

Aurelio Vidmar also gets a mention in FRANCE FOOTBALL, which reports he has signed for Fourth Division Italian club, Rondinella, which is based in Florence.

The Adelaide City striker, however, was aiming higher and was hoping to play in the Italian Second Division, after having also trialed with Fiorentina.

But the experience

in the tough school of Italian professionalism can only improve the talented 23-year-old who will be a better player for his stay there.

And last, but not least, Robbie Slater has scored his first goal in French football — and a great one at that.

He scored for his Second Division side Lens with a spectacular header against high-flying Le Havre to level the scores away from home at 2-2 in the 85th minute, only for Le Havre to notch the winner three minutes into injury-time.

Lens, however, are faring very poorly and are in third last place in Group 'B' of the Second Division.

Slater, however, with one exception, has never obtained a rating of less than four out of a maximum of six points in the six league matches to date.

GEORGE DICK ELECTED OCEANIA VP

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NSW Soccer Federation director George Dick was elected vice-president of the Oceania Football Confederation at its recent meeting in Fiji.

It is unlikely that any Australian has put more groundwork into developing soccer in the region, so he can be expected to be a big gain for the Confederation.

Australia received approval for its plans for World Youth Cup qualifying matches.

ASF chairman John Constantine said:

"FIFA will be advised that Oceania wants the play-offs between Australia, New Zealand and Israel held in Oceania if the Gulf situation is not settled by October 31."

In addition, it was decided that the Oceania qualifying matches for the first FIFA Women's World Cup would be held in Australia.

Meanwhile, all is in place for Saturday's big dinner at the Master Builders Club at Wollongong, in honour of former South Coast United star Jim Kelly and his wife Diana.

Kelly was the Pied

Piper of Australian football in the early sixties, taking South Coast to a 4-0 NSW grand final victory over Apia in 1963.

Almost 31,000 were inside the ground when the gates had to be closed as a safety precaution, with thousands unable to gain admission.

Kelly these days operates a highly successful insurance business in England and the United States.

In club news, Marconi president Remo Nogarotto has moved to put report of the club's \$450,000 loss on its soccer operation into perspective.

Mr Nogarotto said: "The operating loss incorporated two seasons — three quarters of 1988/89 as well as the

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BERNAL CEMENTS SOCCEROO SPOT

FOR Andrew Bernal, now an important cog in the Socceroos' defence, the two-match series against South Korea was another chance to further cement his spot in Eddie Thomson's rebuilding process.

Bernal has certainly grabbed his opportunity since being given his chance in the green and gold against Hajduk Split in July.

He played in both matches against the touring Croatians, then all four games in Jakarta last month when the Socceroos won the Indonesian Independence Cup.

As far as "Birch" is concerned, he is here to stay.

"I'm getting a real buzz playing for Australia and I am enjoying every minute of it," he says.

"It's the ultimate to



ANDREW BERNAL

play for your country and now I'm in the first XI I want to stay there."

Bernal is one of the real characters of the Socceroos and is aware of protecting a fun image after the matches are over.

If there is a live band playing at the team hotel he usually cons his way on to the stage to belt out a raunchy version of "La Bamba", often to the delight of the audience.

"Every team needs a bit of spirit, otherwise things can get very boring," he explains.

"But I am careful not to step out of line".

On the field, however, he is not so happy go lucky.

He plays the game hard and gives no quarter.

"That's my style and I won't change it though it sometimes gets me into trouble with referees," Bernal said.

"As long as the boss is happy, then that is all that really counts".

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A National League or a four cities league?

Brisbane resents NSL delays

BY GREG RUSSELL

QUEENSLAND Soccer officials believe the National League will fail in its attempt to deny Brisbane automatic representation in the premier competition next year.

The Sunshine state has pinned its hopes on automatic inclusion of a Brisbane United side in the 1991 summer league under the changes to the National League proposed in the Bradley Report, but the National League wants the changes amended to force new teams to qualify through the promotion play-offs.

The NSL also wants the last-placed team only to be automatically relegated and the second last team to enter the play-offs against the new hopefuls.

The NSL is angry that the Bradley Report proposal will ultimately see the axing of some of their existing clubs, particularly in Sydney.

Queensland still has a chance of gaining national league representation this summer if Lions win the current promotion play-offs against South Australian champions Adelaide Hellas and Victorian winners Heidelberg.

If Lions win promotion they almost certainly will hand their place over to the Queensland Soccer Federation for the proposed Brisbane United Side.

But the QSF's NSL Taskforce Committee has always treated Lions' offer as a possible bonus and have geared all their preparations towards a combined effort next year.

A Brisbane United

spokesman said the reaction of the NSL was understandable, but he was confident a place for the combined team would be found in next year's NSL.

"The Bradley Report has been adopted and we can't see any change in that policy", the spokesman said.

"We can understand the reaction of existing clubs, particularly those in Sydney and Melbourne who may be threatened, but we feel there is no reason to doubt the promise of Queensland's inclusion in the 1991 NSL will be honored".

The QSF's NSL Taskforce also believes the National League is wide of the mark in suggesting the Bradley Report recommendation of a three-year relegation moratorium for promoted regional teams be axed.

"A new team must be given three years to establish", the Brisbane United spokesman said.

"No-one can be expected to build a team, nurture sponsors and fans and develop facilities under the threat of relegation.

"We envisaged a combined Brisbane team will be strong enough that relegation won't be an issue, but there is little chance we will get the financial backing we need if

there is no guarantee of a future."

The QSF has backed Lions' current promotion play-offs bid and even supported a failed move to strengthen the Lions side with recruits from other clubs.

The QSF constitution allows for loans after the transfer deadline if they are considered to be "in the best interests of the code".

The NSL play-offs eligibility rules deem a player only needs to turn out for a club in

the final fixture to be eligible for the play-offs.

Lions were keen to draft in up to three players from other XXXX League clubs.

But the idea drew a lukewarm response as the players they wanted were from clubs whose finals and relegation fates were still in the balance.

The existing Lions players are understood to have threatened to boycott the play-offs if anyone was dropped to make way for the ring-ins.

Zabica's star shines bright

AUSTRALIAN soccer, never short on good goalkeepers, has found another in super cool Robert Zabica.

The Adelaide City keeper, a strapping Soccerroo since he fell into the role last February against Torpedo Moscow, earned rave reviews for his marvellous performance in Australia's 1-0 defeat against South Korea last Thursday.

Zabica saved a penalty and made three other world-class saves to deny the Koreans a much more decisive victory.

The penalty was taken by Hwang Bo Kwan, who in the 1990 World Cup finals fired a piledriver from 30 metres past the Spanish goalkeeper to score one of the goals of the tournament.

Zabica, 26, didn't know until after the game.

"I just followed the rules," said Zabica recalling the penalty.

"I looked him in the eyes and decided whether I would dive left or right.

"This time I was lucky. He just blasted it straight through the middle and as I leapt to my right, the shot caught my feet on the way."

Zabica was a promising cricketer — a fast bowler — once coached by his idol Dennis Lillee and selected in Western Australia's Sheffield Shield squad in the mid-80s.

But a chronic back problem common to fast bowlers ended his pursuit of a test career at the age of 21.

"I was forced to go back to soccer, my childhood love. I was afraid that otherwise I might have ended up in a wheelchair before I was 30," recalled Zabica.

— PHIL MARTIN



High profile Charlie Yankos tops the list

BY MARK STRACHAN



CHARLIE Yankos is the favourite Australian soccer player with schoolchildren right across the nation.

That is the result of a poll taken in conjunction with the AMP Craig Johnston soccer clinics.

Surveyed were the winners involved in the series, which embraced NSW, Queensland, South Australia and Western

Australia, as well as the Victorian and Tasmanian under 14 representative teams.

Children involved ranged from 10 to 15 years.

Other toppers according to the youngsters are Frank Farina (FC Brugge) and Johnston himself, the former Liverpool star.

Also polling well were Paul Trimboli, Oscar Crino, Tony Dorigo, Alan Davidson and Graham Arnold, all of whom are internationals and have spent time with clubs outside Australia.

As for foreign — based stars, Argentinian captain Diego Maradona was by far the most common name.

Minor places were claimed by England stars John Barnes and Gary Lineker.

Other players to poll well were Italy's World Cup hero Salvatore Schillaci, West German captain Lothar Matthaus, Ian Rush, current European Footballer of the Year Marco van Basten, his Dutch counterpart Ruud Gullit, Andy Brehme and latest England star Paul Gascoigne.



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Blacktown City goalkeeper Steve Mautone dives bravely to deny a Wollongong Macedonia goal at the Gabbie — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS pic.

Narrow Ilinden win

Rockdale scored the only goal two minutes from time in the uninspiring 1-0 victory against bottom of the table Marconi yesterday.

Marconi created only one clear cut opportunity in the entire match and indeed missed it, while the visitors looked uninterested but had at least ten opportunities to score but failed to convert.

Both sides were reduced to ten men a few minutes from the end when Gabriel Lopes

(Marconi) and Mendo Ralevski (Rockdale) were involved in a scuffle.

A minute later Rockdale scored the winner.

A lapse in concentration by the Marconi defence allowed David Segreto to get free and chip the advancing Marconi keeper in the 88th minute.

MARCONI: Bowles, Suzor, Calac, Mammone, Budwee, A Surjan, Cam, Messina, De-West, Lopes, A Budini.

ROCKDALE: Warren, Willis, Segreto, Markovski, Wilson, Buchanan, Stojcevski, Naumovski, Krkovski, Campbell, Lerone.

Awards Dinner

THE NSW Soccer Federation has thrown open its 1990 Awards Dinner to members of the public, as well as the players and officials.

The big night will be staged in the huge auditorium of the Marconi Club, situated in Marconi Rd, Bossley Park.

Those who have attended functions of this nature at Marconi will not want to give it a miss.

The evening has been very reasonably priced at \$20 per head, with a three course meal provided.

Highlight of the evening will be the pre-

sensation of the NSW Best and Fairest Gold Medal Award.

Premiership trophies will be presented to Divisions 1, 2 and 3 and the Womens State League.

On the card for the night will be the appearance of the inimitable Brian Doyle, whose droll wit has enlivened many a top soccer function.

A Brian Doyle performance is never one to miss.

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— KEITH GILMOUR

Canberra blows it

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Croatia may have thrown away its chances of Quit National League soccer this summer with a below-par display in its 2-1 loss to Rockdale Ilinden at Deakin Oval on Saturday.

Against forwards of the calibre of Zlatko Markovski and Bruno Beddoni its defence was hesitant, erratic and too easily panicked, with even the usually super-reliable Ned Zelic below par. In front of them was a midfield devoid of imagination and a strike force which might have been playing in another game for all the impact it had on this one.

Things began well enough for the home side. With eight minutes gone Alan Reis beat the offside trap (although Rockdale defenders complained bitterly to linesman David Mappo that he hadn't) then cut in from the right to slam the ball wide of oncoming goalkeeper Keith Warren. Danny Serena, pounding in at the far post, completed the move.

Croatia went to half-time uneasily sitting on the one-goal lead, but it was cancelled within two minutes of the interval.

Steve Vanzetti, on for the injured Joe Gagetti, headed away an early Rockdale corner but almost at once the ball came back; Markovski set up Beddoni who, revelling in the fact he was unattended within a dart's throw of the goal, blasted a shot past the helpless Peter Gunning.

The killer came a minute into stoppage time. Zelic failed to position well for a through ball and Beddoni showed again just why you don't allow players of his quality freedom in the last third of the field by exploiting the exposed Gunning with a perfectly placed shot.

The loss, the first one at Deakin Oval this season, raised questions over a team which has been described as the best to represent the

club, not the least why it could not exploit a single set piece resulting from the numerous fouls Rockdale seemed happy to concede in its half of the field.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Zelic, Maricic, Mazis, Dunn, Junna, Kulcsar, Dukic, Reis, Serena (Ravanello 75), Gagetti (Vanzetti 46).

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Warren, Willis, Segreto, Naumovski, Campbell, Wilson, Buchanan, Markovski (Stojcevski 91), Ralevski, Beddoni (Petrovski 91), Lerond.

REFEREE: R. Marshall. CROWD: 536.

DEMONS WIN 1-0

AN 80th minute goal by Blacktown City's Eddie Lees gave his side a 1-0 win and ended Inter Monaro's hopes of carrying on where it left off against St George last week.

Monaro spent a good part of the game at the Marco Polo Ground on Saturday with 10 men after Steve Bryant was sent off following an exchange of words between him and the referee.

Just when it seemed Monaro might battle its way to a point, a Blacktown counter-attack following a spell of home pressure allowed Lees his chance.

Best for Monaro was defender Bruce Grassick, celebrating his inclusion in the Australian schoolboys' squad, and goalkeeper Dennis Maricic, making his first appearance of the season in place of the unavailable Steve Hoszowski.

— GRAHAM COOKE

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Midfield action from Sunday's Wollongong Macedonia v Blacktown match — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS photo.

Australians clean up Olympic

BY PAUL GOODWIN

THIS midweek deferred game, played before a small crowd on a chilly evening, came up with everything the enthusiastic Coalfields supporters have been waiting for — goals.

Sydney Olympic succumbed 5-0 to a rampaging BHP Austral side.

Olympic introduced Scott Ollerenshaw to the State League competition, but he was well taken care of by first David Bowen and then Wayne Bailey as the visitors struggled vainly to get something going.

Scares about the fitness of local 'keeper Craig Carter, still feeling the effects of head injuries sustained at the weekend, were soon forgotten as the Austral side made up for lost time in the goal scoring department.

Carter was well protected by his defenders and it was in fact sweeper Howard Tredinnick, the last man to score for the BHP side four games ago, who made the breakthrough.

Costa Caimakamis, recently returned to the side from injury, combined with Ralph Maier and Simon Brandt in the 30th minute to set up Tredinnick, whose shot from the edge of the box found the top left corner of the net.

Ten minutes later Caimakamis broke through individually and, after having an initial shot palmed away by Gary Meier, quickly picked up the crumbs to score from an acute angle.

The same player was brought down in the area by Georgouloupoulos soon after, having beaten the offside trap and Mike Boogaard converted the penalty awarded by referee Neil Jones.

Olympic was under

constant pressure and Kevin Hagan had more on his mind than setting up rare attacks as he marshalled his youthful defence against the home side's regular raids.

Robert Ironside had a good game against his parent club and had a hand in the fourth goal in the 68th minute.

A free kick, won after an overlapping run by Bowen came to an unceremonious end, was nodded down by Ironside and Caimakamis put the ball away for his second goal of the game.

Minutes later Bobby Naumov won possession in midfield, fed Dean

McWhirter whose cross was pounced on and converted by Simon Brandt after the ball had deflected off a defender stationed on the near post.

With less than a goal a game in its previous 13 outings, Newcastle may now have found the recipe for finding the net and supporters will hope that the goal famine has indeed come to an end.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Jones, Bowen, Boogaard, Tredinnick, Bailey (McWhirter 46), Ironside, Maier, Naumov, Brandt, Caimakamis (Miletic 76).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Badrov, Serratore, Georgouloupoulos, Hagan, Pontidas, Aroujo, Lardis, Baltasis, Jerkovic, Ollerenshaw. REFEREE: N. Jones.

Demons return

A momentary lapse in the North Shore defence in the fourth minute gave the youthful Blacktown City side a chance to establish early superiority in its Wednesday night deferred game at Gabby Stadium.

They went on to win 3-0 in a seemingly effortless showing.

Suman could have put his side two up in the 11th minute, but after getting a good ball down the left side from Gary Comerford placed his lob centimetres over the bar, as Thornton came off his line to thwart him.

A similar move in the 28th yielded Blacktown's second goal.

Geoff Gunning laid on a lifted ball, again on the left, and John Gibson hit it on the rise over the advancing Thornton and into the empty net.

The effort told on the North Shore boys who looked jaded throughout.

Blacktown went close in the 64th when Eddie Lees hit the angle of the

upright and two minutes later it was 3-0.

Geoff Gunning received the ball wide on the left following a corner and John Gibson met the cross at the far post with a well timed header.

NORTH SHORE UNITED: Thornton, Booth, Gillan, Bass (Savdis 76), Crookes, Ferguson, Sutherland, Norman, Nile, Hunter (Marando 76), Jeffery.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Mautone, Longo, Brockbank, Langan, Gunning, Comerford (Bourke 66), Connolly, Lees, Gibson, Suman, McKinna (Rogers 60).

REFEREE: J. McConnell.

— PAUL GOODWIN

CANTERBURY v INTER MONARO

Canterbury striker Lou Dounis helped himself to both goals as the Berries overcame a tired Inter Monaro 2-0 at Arlington Oval yesterday.

The first 45 minutes was dominated by rough play with Canterbury having two or three chances to open the scoring.

The home side took control in the final 20 minutes as Monaro tired from their recent glut of matches.

In the 70th minute Dounis opened his account, beating a defender to the ball to head home and ten minutes later settled the issue with a drive from 25 metres.

CANTERBURY: Pupovac, Adamou, Hantzis, Kalogeras, J. Radman, B. Radman, (Mellissourgis), Godzik, Divljak, Lardis, Dounis, Oustambasidis.

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NSW SOCCER FEDERATION

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• The course fee is \$38.00 and it will be strictly limited to 30 participants. This course is only run once per year and candidates will be accepted on first come, first served basis.

• To obtain an enrolment form, contact Tricia on 629 1800.

• If wishing to purchase the Australian Soccer Federation's Manual "Fitness for Soccer" to get in some pre-course study — these are available from NSW Soccer Federation at a cost of \$15 plus \$3 postage.

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An aerial duel at the Gabbie between Wollongong Macedonia and the Demons — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS photo.

Wollongong Macedonia's vital win

BY PAUL GOODWIN

Six minutes after the break Thornthwaite again exposed the Demons defence but his effort shaved the post.

Two missed chances in a minute spelt the end for Blacktown. Wollongong keeper Wilson saved well following a free kick in the 60th minute, a minute later Gary Comerford's free kick was weakly headed goalwards by Jason Connelly.

Graeme Fletcher, Wollongong's elusive striker, fired in an excellent shot that scorched the crossbar as the visitors took control.

Demons keeper Steve Mautone was called upon to produce two superb saves touching the ball wide in the 73rd and 74th minutes.

Wollongong finally found the net three minutes from time but the effort was disallowed for offside.

BLACKTOWN: Mautone, Longo, Brockbank, Langan, Gunning, Comerford, Connelly (Abi-Arrage 74), Lees, Gibson, Suman, McKinna (Rogers 20).

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Wilson, Cavanah, Martin Bourke, Dimov, Cabassi, Kay, Sandy, Bradley, Morley, Fletcher, Thornthwaite.

WOLLONGONG CITY v SYDNEY MACEDONIA

Sydney Macedonia kept their slim hopes of a place in the top four alive when they toppled Wollongong City 3-1 at Brandon Park yesterday.

Theo Kotsias' goal for Sydney Macedonia, a minute prior to the interval, opened up what was an even tussle between two well-matched

sides.

Scott Gilbert's clever back heel found Kotsias unmarked and the former St George midfielder put the visitors 1-0 ahead from inside the area.

The Sydney side continued where they left off at the end of the first half and increased their lead in the 53rd minute.

Fernandez ghosted in behind the defence to score after a swift break down the right hand side and the following cross deceived the Wollongong defenders.

Big defender Jock Morlando pulled a goal back for the home side in the 62nd minute when his shot was deflected home off a Macedonian defender following a cross from the flank.

City keeper George Bouhoutsos was in outstanding form, constantly thwarting the Macedonian attack, however, a minute into injury time the visitors sealed the result.

The Wollongong defence could only clear a corner as far as Scott Baillie who rifled the ball home from 30 metres, leaving Bouhoutsos no chance.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouhoutsos, Higgs, Ratcliffe, Morlando, Allport, Oldridge, Skeen, McEvoy, Danzo, Brodnik, Srdinovski, (Dimoski).

SYDNEY MACEDONIA: Avellino, Souris, Sakovski, Pilovski, Reveley, Baillie, Kotsias, Fernandez, Gilbert, Boskovski, Kadric (Ileski).

SYDNEY CROATIA v SUTHERLAND

Sydney Croatia, severely weakened by the absence of their

young brigade on national duty, did well to lose narrowly 1-0 to the high flying Sutherland at the Croatian Sports Centre yesterday.

The loss of Pupovic, Babic, Stanton and Seal, all on duty in Fiji for the U20 World Youth Cup qualifiers, was too large a burden for the home side to carry.

Sutherland had slightly the better of the play for the first 45 minutes and it came as no surprise when they opened their account in the 18th minute.

Darryl Sharp was on hand to pick up the pieces and score after Croatian keeper Zeljko Kalac failed to hold onto top scorer Grant Bard's drive from the right.

Manis Lamond had Croatia's best chance to score, but after Gonzales fed the ball through the NSL striker missed the target from eight metres.

The second half saw both sides create many opportunities with Kalac keeping Croatia in the match, brilliantly saving a header while at the other end Andrew French hit the post and Gonzales' effort was well saved by Paul Dart as the home side went searching for the elusive equaliser.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Kalac, Bojkovski, Zizic, Pervan, Alliovic, French, Ricoy, Bazdzic (Ardone 23), Lamond, Pilliner, Gonzales.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Edmunds, Tasker, Terry, Blacaya, O'Shea, Christodoulou, Sharp, Brampton, Bard, Leney (Murray).

REPORTS compiled by ALISTAIR RUSSELL

Polonia on top

POLONIA continued their recent good form in defeating North Shore United 3-1 at Cromer Park on Sunday.

They took the lead in the second minute when speedy wingman Jarek Nowicki won the ball on the left side, cut infield and let fly with a low shot which beat Shore keeper Craig Thornton all ends up.

Polonia looked the better side for most of the first half and could have gone two up in the 23rd when Jerzy Drys put the ball just over the bar following a corner on the left.

North Shore's only first half contribution was a well-hit free kick by Craig Bass which missed the post by a few metres.

Tragedy struck for North Shore in the 55th minute when goalkeeper Thornton called for a back pass from Bass but misjudged the flight of the ball and could not prevent its passage into an empty net.

With a two goal lead Polonia relaxed a little and Neal Hunter was quick to win possession in the 60th minute, set off upfield and laid on a pass for Glenn Jeffery whose cross from the byline was tucked away at the far post by Mark Nile to keep the home side in with a fighting chance of at least sharing the spoils.

Polonia was always dangerous on the break and finally, in the 87th minute, the combination of Drys and Nowicki laid on a pass for Rodney Sepping who was able to put the issue beyond doubt with an easy tap in.

For Polonia, Marshall Soper played a key role in midfield alongside David Kealy, while Nowicki was constantly tormenting the North Shore contenders with his decisive runs.

NORTH SHORE: Thornton, Booth, Gough, Bass, Sutherland, Ferguson, Norman, Callcott, Nile, Hunter, (Greenaway 72m), Jeffery. **POLONIA:** Thurlow, Robertson, C.Thompson, Kulwicki, Cerjak, G. Thompson, Drys, Kealy, Beamer (Sepping 65m), Soper, Nowicki. Referee: P. Spiers.

— PAUL GOODWIN

Junna goal aids Canberra Croatia

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA CROATIA came back to something like its true form to beat Warringah Freshwater 1-0 at Deakin Oval on Sunday, but it may be a case of too little too late.

The win leaves it hoping it can win at Marconi next week while Wollongong Macedonia fails in its last game at Polonia.

Playing its second match in 24 hours, Croatia shook off the memory of the 2-1 loss to Rockdale Ilinden and won with a goal from lively midfielder Ray Junna four minutes before half time.

Junna collected the ball on the edge of a crowded penalty area but for a moment looked as if he had lost it in a challenge with Glenn Sterrey.

Persistence paid off as he regained control and fired in a shot which goalkeeper Frank Mikuletic saw too late.

Junna had earlier gone close in a half generally dominated by Croatia when he headed centimetres wide from a Doug Marcina cross.

And Marcina, having one of his best games of the season, was in action again just after half time when he took the ball to the by-line and crossed back behind the oncoming Danny Serena.

Grant Lee blazed well wide for Warringah, then Marcina set up Junna whose shot was tipped over the bar by Mikuletic.

Two second-half send-offs — Lee for dissent and Croatia's George Kulcsar for a late tackle after he had already received a caution — tainted a game which was vigorously but not unfairly contested.

CANBERRA CROATIA: Gunning, Zelic, Marcina, Vanzetti, Dunn, Young, Kulcsar (sent off 89), Dukic (Jancevski 87), Reis (Ravanello 82), Serena, Junna.

WARRINGAH FRESHWATER: Mikuletic, Etherington, Sterrey, Baitaglis (Gigliotti 79), Dean, Masi, Morson, De Ceglie, Lee (sent off 77), Irigrye (Panetta 82), Glan-

none.
REFEREE: Brett Mackay (Tasmania).
CROWD: 1197.

Australis 5-0 again!

BY PAUL GOODWIN

NEWCASTLE referee Jim Reeves, in charge of BHP Austral's final home game for 1990, took control of his 448th game on Saturday and has only two more fixtures to take care of before his retirement.

His job was not a difficult one at Austral Park on Saturday where, after a scoreless first half, Australis went on to beat a spirited Avala 5-0.

Coming off a mid-week 5-0 win over Sydney Olympic, the home side attacked with some relish and supporters were left wondering what might have happened had the side been as adventurous earlier in their campaign.

As it is, the team stands a chance of making a late bid for the top four and is now firing up front in support of its outstanding defensive record all season.

Angelo Rodic in the Avala goal was busy and took credit for some excellent saves, denying Costa Caimakamis in the 9th, Bobby Naumov in the 11th and Simon Brandt in the 15th.

John McKie and Steve Berry had shots for Avala which went wide, while Howard Tredinnick, enjoying himself in a midfield role, came forward to join in regularly, without much luck before the break.

The Newcastle side began to make an impact soon after the restart.

After a Dean McWhirter shot had been deflected away by Vukmurovic in the 47th, a series of corners led to the first goal.

In the 53rd minute a short corner on the left, which had appeared to be ineffective initially, led to a cross by Mike

Brett Thornthwaite twisted and turned two defenders before delivering a hopeful ball across the face of goal in the fifth minute but not a Macedonian teammate was on hand to tuck the ball away.

After only 20 minutes Blacktown suffered a set back when Laurie McKinna was replaced following a hamstring injury but Geoff Gunning gave the home side hope with a fine solo run, ploughing through the Wollongong defence but his fierce drive flew just over the bar.

It was Macedonia however who took the lead in the 31st minute following a disputed penalty for a trip just inside the area.

Brett Thornthwaite completed the honours, neatly converting from the spot.

Both sides had opportunities to convert in the second period but as the match wore on Blacktown showed the strain of three matches in five

Boogaard which Robbie Ironside nodded in at the far post.

Ironside came from full-back to score and has been a sound investment for the Australis, who value his contribution both on and off the pitch.

Vince Nastoski made Craig Carter work for a shot in the 56th in a rare Avala second half attack, before the locals went further ahead in the 78th minute.

David Jones hit a stinging volley which Rodic could not hold and McWhirter following up picked up the pieces.

Four minutes later it was 3-0. Brandt, Maier and Caimakamis combined in a good build up with Tredinnick chiming in to set up Caimakamis for a final touch, as all four had the numbers to tease Avala in the box.

A Maier cross in the 86th found McWhirter for a headed fourth goal and enterprising play by substitute Scott Gresham on the byline led to Tredinnick stabbing home the low cross.

BHP AUSTRAL: Carter, Jones, Boogaard, Ironside, Bowen, Naumov, Maier, Tredinnick, Caimakamis, Brandt, McWhirter (Gresham 80).

AVALA: Rodic, Kuc (Ivanstanin 15), Vukmurovic, Benitez, Ashton, Berry, Meades, Fitzharris, Nastoski, McKie, Welch (Geizekamp 78).

REFEREE: Jim Reeves.

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE A

BHP Austral v Rockdale Ilinden Austral Park

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Wollongong City v Sydney Olympic Brandon Park
Marconi v Canberra Croatia Marconi Oval
Warringah v BHP Austral Cromer Park
Rockdale Ilinden — bye

STATE LEAGUE CONFERENCE B

Inter Monaro v Sydney Croatia Marco Polo
Sutherland Shire v North Shore Utd Seymour Shaw
Polonia v Wollongong Mac Chopin Park
Blacktown City v St George Gabbie Stadium
Canterbury — bye

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16

STATE LEAGUE DIVISION 2 FINAL

Winner 3 v 4
(Petersham v Fairfield City)
versus
Loser 1 v 2
(Southern Districts v Dulwich Hill)
at Popondetta Park
3pm kick-off

All games kick-off 3pm with U19 at 1pm, with BHP Austral 2.30pm and 12.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

See State League action this week!

EDITOR

WHEN the National Soccer League clubs hold their meeting on September 22 it would be to their own advantage to reflect upon to League's future sponsorship and finances.

The very existence of the competition is dependent upon the major sponsor.

The very welcome Victorian Health Foundation and its partners have three years to their contract to go, and thereafter a new sponsor may well have to be found.

There is a tendency still evident in NSL circles to visualise the NSL as a Melbourne — Sydney affair, with an add on from Adelaide.

Any top flight commercial sponsor will be looking to penetrating many of the other major Australian markets — Brisbane, Newcastle, Wollongong, Canberra, as well as Perth if that was financially possible.

And if the NSL can't deliver then State Leagues or regionalised competitions will be the order of the day once again.

Reports reaching this newspaper indicate that the NSL has missed too much of the point of the Bradley Report.

The major centres must be all provided for, so long as they can produce high quality teams, grounds, administration and marketing.

And the whole show, including the hard-working existing clubs, must be conducted to the maximum degree of professionalism.

There is no doubt that real progress and high class football will not be accomplished unless small-time politics is banished from the game for all time.

Clubs must again be reminded of the successful packaging of cricket and rugby league after both sports had been down in the doldrums.

There are no signs of these standards yet being even approached with the 15th NSL season about to commence.

It would be ridiculous for the NSL not to fully accept the combined ASF/NSL business management plan set out by Dr Bradley.

Now it remains for both bodies to agree on an extremely limited plan for access to the NSL and egress to the State Leagues for the leading clubs.

The soccer public demands some top class, forward looking planning.



Action from last Sunday's Wollongong Macedonia v Blacktown City game at the Gabbie — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS photo.

Dulwich Hill ousts Southern

BY PAUL GOODWIN

THIS semi-final game was an anti-climax from the previous weekend's highly-charged final round game at Arlington Oval.

Dulwich Hill ran out 4-1 winners over Southern Districts, a score which, ironically, would have given them the premiership a week earlier had it been recorded then.

It seems certain that the absence of the two NSL loan players, Aytec Genc and Hugo Gimenez, was a major factor and the celebrations at the end of the previous game must have also left their mark.

Nevertheless it was Southern Districts which scored first when Radovan Filipovic pulled down a cross by John Gregson in the 18th minute, and from six metres out drove the ball low past an unprotected Farrar.

Dennis Duarte had earlier hit the side netting and looked as dangerous as ever, but Districts had almost scored too with Leo Ulloa firing wide when in receipt of a flow cross by the effervescent Darren Read.

Carlos Donoso beat the 'keeper but his chip shot veered past the post in the 33rd as the Madeira side got down

to serious business.

Peter Dameski, such an effective crosser of the ball, made good progress down the left flank a minute later and carved out an opening for a bunch of players in the area, the deepest of whom, George Triandafyllou, drove the ball low past an unsighted Mumford.

When Steve Karavakis was brought down apparently needlessly in the 38th Duarte put his side in front.

In the second half Read and Ulloa had chances for the premiership, but Ali Senol cleared a further Duarte attempt off the line after a clever Agenor Muniz corner, before Dulwich Hill put it beyond doubt in the 86th.

Donoso broke quickly to send Duarte away and the experienced South American finished off nicely, rounding the 'keeper in the process.

A good one-two with George Johnson a minute later allowed the attacking full back to make it 4-1 with a tidy close range shot.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: Mumford (Silkeci 46), Younan, C. Genc, Pavlovic (sent off 87), Gregson, Akdogan, Tasikin, Sertbas (Senol 55), Filipovic, Read, Ulloa.

DULWICH HILL: Farrar, Lira, Johnson, Beres, Ziras, Borges (Muniz 70), Donoso, Karavakis (Matosin 62), Duarte, Triandafyllou, Dameski.

REFEREE: Roger Doenau.

Vale Alex Hutcheon

IT is with deep regret that ASW records the death of well-known Sutherland Shire player, Alex Hutcheon.

He died tragically last week, casting a pall of gloom over members of the club, with whom he was held in the highest respect.

Alex showed his ability recently by playing a tremendous game against the Soccer-oes in a trial match.

He hurt a shoulder, and only returned to training last Tuesday.

Scottish born, he was a fine right side player, and a credit to himself and his club.

The deep sympathy of his many friends is extended to his widow Jacki and his relatives.

Turkish backed club succeeds

Southern Districts respond to Mike Johnson's drive

BY PETER BERRY



MIKE JOHNSON

SOUTHERN Districts were destined for promotion to the NSW First Division from the moment they signed Mike Johnson as coach.

A former English First Division professional, his dedication to the game is surely unequalled in Australia.

Johnson is an intense, highly motivated individual who requires total commitment at training.

Frustration does set in at times for the man when basic skills are not forthcoming from players.

I guess going back to basics for Johnson must be a little annoying, especially when you realise he has played against the likes of Bobby Charlton and Stanley Matthews.

Johnson is a staunch advocate of direct football and player honesty.

Professional fouls are out in Johnson's book.

I remember telling him that the players must pull the opposing striker down if he has broken through the defence and has a clear run of goal.

He disagreed, stating it lowered the team's image and that players should rely on their own football ability and resist such cynical acts in endeavouring to stop a strike at goal.

Johnson's point may be idealistic but in the long run it is correct.

Mainly because it keeps the game free flowing, and promotes sportsmanship.

Johnson expelled a player this season due to ungentlemanly conduct.

His continued fouls were not in line with Johnson's policy of fair play.

Weeks later the player returned to the club with a changed attitude, and then played his best football of the season.

Johnson has taken his young team from 3rd Division to promotion to State League Division One in a matter of two years due a number of factors.

• 1. He only signs players willing to conform to his disciplinary standards.

• 2. He has developed a definite style of play based on decisive penetration. In his own words he stated to ex-Melita player Birol Sertbas he wanted the team to operate with "no tickie tackie in the

defence time to regroup and close down players.

• 3. Intelligent signings, recruiting off season NSL players Aytec Genc and Hugo Gimenez for the remainder of the season.

• 4. Given a free hand by Southern Districts committee — complete autonomy.

Johnson's gift to Australian football is his enormous appetite for success and the means he achieves it by developing positive, skilful, fluent and above all honest teams.

There is no doubt that Johnson has done a magnificent job for this Turkish supported club.

Fairfield City's penalty victory

IN the minor semi-final played at Popondetta Park on Sunday, Fairfield and Petersham played a scoreless draw, with Fairfield progressing to the final next week after winning a penalty shoot out.

Two early goals by Graham Warren gave the Vikings an ideal cushion and they withstood everything the exuberant Madeira side could throw at them until Warwick Turpin pulled one back in the last five minutes for the Seaside.

Next week's final therefore will feature Southern Districts and Fairfield City in first grade, and Rosebery and also Campbelltown in Under-19s, the games to be staged at Popondetta Park on Sunday.

— PAUL GOODWIN



A Wollongong Macedonia player in full flight against Blacktown last Sunday.

NSW Composite Tables

1ST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong Mac.....	15	10	5	0	30	15	25
Canberra.....	15	10	3	2	37	13	23
St George.....	15	8	5	2	31	14	21
Sutherland Shire.....	15	7	7	1	24	11	21
Sydney Macedonia.....	15	9	2	4	25	20	20
Rockdale Ilinden.....	16	8	3	5	23	14	19
BHP Austral.....	15	7	4	4	22	9	18
Warringah.....	15	8	1	6	22	16	17
Polonia.....	15	5	5	5	20	13	15
Canterbury.....	16	4	7	5	18	23	15
Blacktown City.....	15	6	2	7	23	21	14
Wollongong City.....	15	6	2	7	22	16	14
Sydney Croatia.....	15	4	5	6	23	27	13
Avala.....	15	5	3	7	23	31	13
North Shore Utd.....	15	3	2	10	12	34	8
Sydney Olympic.....	15	3	0	12	17	36	6
Marconi.....	15	2	2	11	10	36	6
Inter Monaro.....	15	1	2	12	9	32	4

UNDER 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City.....	15	9	3	3	27	14	21
Canberra.....	15	7	6	2	26	12	20
BHP Austral.....	14	7	5	2	30	14	19
Sydney Macedonia.....	15	7	5	3	32	21	19
Avala.....	15	8	3	4	25	19	19
Warringah.....	15	8	3	4	28	24	19
Polonia.....	15	6	5	4	22	14	17
Inter Monaro.....	15	6	5	4	24	21	17
Wollongong Mac.....	15	7	3	5	20	20	17
Wollongong City.....	15	7	2	6	17	22	16
Sydney Croatia.....	14	6	3	5	22	19	15
Canterbury.....	16	5	3	8	20	32	13
Sutherland Shire.....	15	4	4	7	16	18	12
St George.....	15	3	6	6	18	25	12
North Shore Utd.....	14	4	2	8	19	25	10
Sydney Olympic.....	14	4	2	8	17	30	10
Rockdale Ilinden.....	14	3	0	11	14	27	6
Marconi.....	15	1	2	12	23	43	4

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE A

Canberra v Rockdale Ilinden	1-2	1-0
BHP Austral v Avala	5-0	4-1
Marconi v Rockdale Ilinden	0-1	5-0
Canberra v Warringah	1-0	2-0
Wollongong City v Sydney Macedonia	1-3	1-4

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE B

Inter Monaro v Blacktown City	0-1	2-2
Canterbury v Inter Monaro	2-0	3-2
Sydney Croatia v Sutherland Shire	0-1	1-0
North Shore v Polonia	1-3	1-3
Blacktown City v Wollongong Mac	0-1	3-0

STATE LEAGUE TWO — 1ST GRADE SEMI-FINALS

Southern Dist v Dulwich Hill 1-4, Fairfield City v Petersham 5-4 penalty, Southern Dist v Rosebery 0-0 4-3 penalties, Campbelltown v Manly Warringah 2-1.

LEAGUE THREE — 1ST GRADE SEMI-FINALS

Port Hacking v Mt Pritchard 1-0, Cyprus United v Hills United 2-0, Mt Pritchard v Bankstown 3-1, Canterbury Dist v Hills United 4-2.

LEAGUE FOUR — 1ST GRADE SEMI-FINALS

Belmore Hercules v Colo Colo 3-0, Arncliffe v Concord Juniors 0-1, Trasandinos v Spanish Club 0-0 3-4 penalties, Concord Juniors v Nineveh Eagles 1-3.

LEAGUE FIVE — 1ST GRADE SEMI-FINALS

Prospect United v Macquarie Uni 3-0, W.D. Hellas v Sporting Peru 2-0, Alexander v Prospect United 0-2, Sydney Uni v W.D. Hellas 4-1.

LEAGUE SIX — 1ST GRADE SEMI-FINALS

Penrith v Fogolar Furlan 1-0, Pagewood Botany v Abruzzi 3-1, Pagewood Botany v Liverpool Olympic 0-1, Penrith v Liverpool City 1-0.

WOMENS

STATE LEAGUE ONE: 1ST GRADE GRAND FINAL

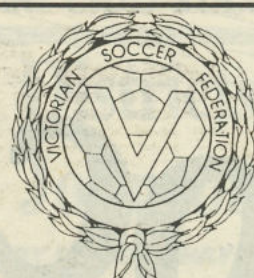
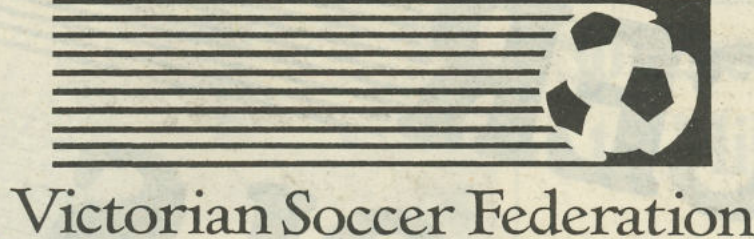
North Ryde v Liverpool Oly 0-1.

STATE LEAGUE TWO: 1ST GRADE GRAND FINAL

Epping Eastwood v Liverpool Oly 0-1.



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VIC SENIORS

VIC STATE FIRSTS

H.Berg Utd.	34	23	4	7	80	29	50
B.Juventus	34	21	6	7	54	23	48
Green Gully	34	19	9	6	58	36	47
Croydon City	34	19	9	6	58	36	47
Fawkner	34	16	8	10	53	39	40
Morwell	34	14	11	9	48	37	39
Albion	34	16	7	11	41	33	39
Bulleen	34	15	9	10	50	44	39
N.cote City	34	14	7	13	51	53	35
Altona Gate	34	11	12	11	42	39	34
Thornhill	34	13	8	13	41	50	34
Moorebank	34	13	7	14	39	44	33
St Albans	34	11	10	13	37	41	32
Clayton	34	11	8	15	40	48	30
Cauffield	34	9	11	14	38	46	29
R.Wood City	34	6	6	22	40	70	18
F.Ston Pines	34	4	7	23	21	71	15
Box Hill	34	0	8	26	18	73	8

VIC STATE RESERVES

B.Juventus	34	25	4	5	105	26	54
Altona Gate	34	23	7	4	81	22	53
H.Berg Utd.	34	22	7	5	77	24	51
Morwell	34	19	9	6	64	36	47
Fawkner	34	19	5	10	69	43	40
Bulleen	34	16	10	8	68	41	40
St Albans	34	19	2	13	38	44	40
Thornhill	34	14	11	5	60	40	40
N.cote City	34	15	6	13	57	37	36
Croydon City	34	14	7	12	58	34	34
Cauffield	34	16	2	16	61	54	34
R.Wood City	34	11	5	18	42	69	27
Green Gully	34	10	6	18	53	67	26
Box Hill	34	0	6	18	37	56	26
Moorebank	34	4	10	20	17	70	16
F.Ston Pines	34	3	8	23	27	98	14
Albion	34	3	8	23	27	94	14
M.bour City	34	4	5	24	31	127	13

VIC DIV ONE FIRSTS

Oakleigh	24	16	4	4	44	25	36
Springvale City	24	14	7	3	44	23	35
Dandenong	24	14	7	3	37	19	35
Westgate	24	12	7	5	42	22	31
Port Melbourne	24	8	13	3	28	28	28
Knox City	24	11	6	7	36	31	28
Nth. Geelong	24	9	5	10	40	39	23
Western Suburbs	24	7	7	10	26	32	21
Werribee	24	7	6	11	29	30	20
Essendon City	24	7	6	11	25	30	20
Mordialloc	24	7	5	12	14	23	19
Maribou	24	3	11	10	28	37	17
Sandringham	24	4	4	16	15	41	12
Broadmeadows	24	3	4	17	13	33	10

VIC DIV ONE RESERVES

Dandenong	24	18	6	0	69	17	42
Nth. Geelong	22	16	2	4	64	25	34
Port Melbourne	24	13	6	4	48	28	31
Oakleigh	23	12	5	4	42	23	30
Springvale City	24	12	4	8	36	25	28
Essendon City	24	9	6	9	40	33	24
Maribou	24	9	6	9	38	45	24
Knox City	23	9	5	9	45	47	23
Werribee	24	7	6	11	39	40	25
Western Suburbs	24	8	3	15	41	49	19
Broadmeadows	24	8	3	13	43	69	19
Sandringham	24	5	4	15	27	50	14
Westgate	24	4	6	14	25	61	14
Mordialloc	24	3	4	17	26	77	10

VIC DIV TWO FIRSTS

Brighton	24	15	4	5	42	27	34
Kellor	24	16	1	7	47	25	33
Bell Park	24	12	9	3	35	13	33
Cheltenham	24	9	8	7	37	32	26
Clifton Hill	24	10	6	8	26	26	26
Hunsford City	24	8	7	3	36	31	25
Doncaster	24	7	11	6	29	25	25
Geelong	24	9	6	9	28	26	24
Dandenong	24	9	5	10	35	38	23
Waverley City	24	7	8	9	30	27	22
Sunbury United	24	8	5	11	35	31	21
Richmond	24	7	7	10	17	24	21
Colong	24	5	3	16	22	56	13
Ringwood Utd.	24	2	6	16	21	53	10

VIC DIV TWO RESERVES

Clifton Hill	23	17	3	3	57	21	37
Doncaster	23	14	6	3	55	20	34
Waverley City	24	15	4	5	46	23	34
Brighton	24	14	5	4	44	22	33
Kellor	23	13	6	4	49	17	32
Bell Park	24	10	7	7	37	24	27
Sunbury United	24	11	4	9	37	29	26
Dandenong	24	9	5	10	35	38	23
Richmond	24	9	4	11	68	46	22
Hunsford City	23	7	4	12	34	46	18
Geelong	23	7	4	12	34	46	18
Cheltenham	24	5	2	17	19	72	16
Colong	23	4	1	18	27	76	9
Ringwood Utd.	24	2	1	21	12	95	5

VIC DIV THREE FIRSTS

Bentleigh Green	24	16	6	2	47	24	38
Altona City	24	16	5	3	60	29	37
Holland Park	24	12	7	5	44	25	31
Seaford United	24	12	5	7	48	32	29
Clarendon	23	10	6	7	45	29	26
Corio-Geelong	24	7	10	7	41	37	24
Cheltenham	24	7	10	7	22	27	24
Lalor United	24	8	7	9	37	23	23

VIC DIV THREE RESERVES

Bentleigh Green	24	16	6	2	47	24	38
Altona City	24	16	5	3	60	29	37
Holland Park	24	12	7	5	44	25	31
Seaford United	24	12	5	7	48	32	29
Clarendon	23	10	6	7	45	29	26
Corio-Geelong	24	7	10	7	41	37	24
Cheltenham	24	7	10	7	22	27	24
Lalor United	24	8	7	9	37	23	23

VIC DIV FOUR FIRSTS

East Brunswick	24	15	6	3	48	20	36
Oakleigh	23	14	6	3	47	25	34
Pascoe Vale	23	14	6	3	45	26	34
Springvale	24	13	4	7	47	26	29
Regent	24	12	5	7	47	26	29
MoreParkRang.	24	10	6	3	30	31	26
Hawthorn	24	10	3	11	43	23	23
Langwarrin	23	8	7	8	23	24	22
Karingal Utd.	24	7	8	9	36	42	22
Hamlyn Rang.	23	6	10	8	36	42	22
Boronia	24	5	6	12	28	53	16
Rosanna	24	5	5	14	25	44	15
Ferntree Gully	24	3	9	12	23	48	15
Yallourn	24	1	6	17	22	57	8

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East Brunswick	24	15	6	3	48	20	36
Oakleigh	23	14	6	3	47	25	34
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Ferntree Gully	24	3	9	12	23	48	15
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VIC DIV FIVE FIRSTS

East Brunswick	24	15	6	3	48	20	36
Oakleigh	23	14	6	3	47	25	34
Pascoe Vale	23	14	6	3	45	26	34
Springvale	24	13	4	7	47	26	29
Regent	24	12	5	7	47	26	29
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Hawthorn	24	10	3	11	43	23	23
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Boronia	24	5	6	12	28	53	16
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Regent	24	12	5	7	47	26	29
MoreParkRang.	24	10	6	3	30	31	26
Hawthorn	24	10	3	11	43	23	23
Langwarrin	23	8	7	8	23	24	22
Karingal Utd.	24	7	8	9	36	42	22
Hamlyn Rang.	23	6	10	8	36	42	22
Boronia	24	5	6	12	28	53	16
Rosanna	24	5	5	14	25	44	15
Ferntree Gully	24	3	9	12	23	48	15
Yallourn	24	1	6	17	22	57	8

VIC DIV THREE FIRSTS

Lalor United	24	15	6	3	48	20	36
Moorebank	24	15	5	4	63	24	35
Altona City	24	16	1	7	53	32	33
Clayton	24	14	4	6	51	19	32
Seaford United	24	14	4	6	59	30	32
El.Diam.Valley	24	11	5	8	49	40	27
Clarendon	24	11	2	11	43	39	24
Bentleigh Green	24	7	10	47	55	21	
Corio-Geelong	24	9	12	49	60	21	
Heidelberg City	24	5	12	41	48	19	
Springvale Utd.	24	5	14	43	65	15	
Mornington	24	7	1	16	38	64	15
Holland Park	24	6	2	16	53	78	14
Yarraville	24	4	3	17	22	70	11

VIC DIV FOUR FIRSTS

East Brunswick	24	15	6	3	48	20	36
Oakleigh	23	14	6	3	47	25	34
Pascoe Vale	23	14	6	3	45	26	34
Springvale	24	13	4	7	47	26	29
Regent	24	12	5	7	47	26	29
MoreParkRang.	24	10	6	3	30	31	26
Hawthorn	24	10	3	11	43	23	23
Langwarrin	23	8	7	8	23	24	22
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Brunswick Juventus demolishes weak Heidelberg

BY GREG BLAKE & DAVID BULLOCK

HEIDELBERG 0
B. JUVENTUS 1

BRUNSWICK Juventus clinched league runner-up status on the final day of the Victorian State League season when it downed new champion Heidelberg 1-0 at Olympic Village on Saturday.

But if Juventus was hoping to prove a point or two to Melbourne's NSL challenger it came off second best.

Heidelberg fielded just three regular senior players in its final home and away game — Paul Lewis, John Kanesoulis and George Slifkas — and a fourth, Jeff Olver, played in the reserves match.

The rest of the senior squad was rested for Wednesday night's NSL play-off game against West Adelaide at Olympic Park.

Even then Juve struggled to overcome the well below strength champion and needed a single strike on the hour by Steve Smith to settle the issue.

Berger boss Len McKendry explained away his below-par side by saying that his club had "fulfilled its obligations to the League."

"It (playing his seniors on Sunday) just wasn't worth the risk," he said after the game.

Heidelberg, which had the champions trophy presented to it at Olympic Village on Sunday, has only one injury worry going into its first NSL play-off game.

Alan Scott, who missed the last two league matches, is still doubtful although McKendry said Scott was "about 90 per cent" sure of making the team.

MELBOURNE JUST 2
FAWKNER 2

Two goals in the last four minutes of the State League season ended the year with a flourish for an otherwise beleaguered Melbourne JUST.

JUST, now resigned to missing the cut should the new 'super league' go ahead, gave its supporters some heart with a miraculous come-back to draw 2-2 with visiting Fawkner on Sunday.

In what shaped as a dreary end-of-season game, top four candidate Fawkner seemed

set to record an easy win with a 2-0 lead going into the final four minutes.

A fourth minute Harry Cardwell goal had put Fawkner on its way and Danny Stevancevic looked to have wrapped it up when he scored for the visitors with just seven minutes left on the clock.

But JUST, already leading the corner count by an incredible 13-0, got its reward for its efforts with a final four minute spurt, Zorin Cazin's solo run and goal put JUST back in the contest in the 86th minute and Cazin also had a hand in the equaliser on the 90 minute mark.

The corner was misjudged by Fawkner keeper Zoran Nikitovic and Nick Naumovski was on hand to snap home the simplest of goals.

MOOROOLBARK 4
ALBION 1

One time NSL club Mooroolbark pushed itself to within one game of a starting berth in next season's planned Victorian 'super league' when it thrashed Albion 4-1 in the last of the State League re-scheduled games at Esther Park on Saturday.

Mooroolbark's win, its sixth in seven games, left it with just a single victory required against basement side Box Hill to confirm its place in the State League top twelve.

Victoria's twelve top sides, plus the two clubs promoted from division one, will make the cut for the new league should the 'super-league' concept be accepted by Victorian clubs on September 17.

Albion managed little resistance against the Barkers on Saturday and looked a far cry from the side recently resigned coach Ian Wallace took to the top of the table at mid-season.

In contrast Graham French's 'Dad's Army' looked top four material as goals from David McCallum, Graham Heys, Greg House and Dave Brogan sent the visitors reeling.

Patsaman scored Albion's sole reply.

BULLEEN 1
NORTHCOTE 1

In what disappointed as an end-of-season encounter with nothing but pride at stake, Bulleen and Northcote City fought out a dour 1-1 draw at the Veneto Club on Sunday.

Bulleen, which lost Darren Tuck with injury early in the game, fell behind after just 15 mi-



Morwell's Harry Bingham (dark shirt) — photo by Joe Montemurro.

nutes when Fabio Incantalupo tried to chip a Northcote corner back to goalkeeper Mauro Raponi.

Incantalupo's effort had just a little too much power on it and Raponi could only get a hand to it as it flew back over him and into the net.

Bulleen squandered possibly the best opportunity of the day when Incantalupo ran on to Robbie Krajacic's through ball and into a one-on-one situation with the diving Northcote keeper who dived and parried the shot clear.

Bulleen finally levelled in the 74th minute when Stan Thodis was fouled by Rob Palmariotti in the area and Anthony Grbac scored from the resultant penalty.

THOMASTOWN 0
ALBION 3

Thomastown coach Ken Murphy, recovering from a knee operation and a subsequent infection, gave notice that heads might roll at the club during the off season now that he has been confirmed in the job for 1991.

Murphy was speaking after Sunday's 3-0 home defeat by early season high-roller Albion.

Despite an encouraging start to 1990 injury-hit Thomastown has lost ten of its past 17 games and Murphy himself is keen to get back into the thick of the action.

"The way we played today I'll play again with one leg," he said.

"I'm very disappointed. There was two kids in there today and surely the other nine players could have carried them."

"Perhaps what I have now just isn't good enough and there may be some players who are not here at the club next

year."

Albion, which looked impressive under stand-in boss Donny MacLeod, took the points on Sunday with a three goal burst just after half time.

David Azzopardi, Peter Kadlicek and Andrew Fruend scored the goals which pushed Albion to a creditable final seventh position on the State League table.

CROYDON 0
MORWELL 1

In a dull and and lifeless affair, Morwell ended their 1990 State League campaign on a high note with a 1-0 victory over a very lethargic Croydon City.

Croydon looked nowhere near the side that has challenged the championship honours this season, as they struggled for the better part of the afternoon to produce their flowing style of soccer.

With the scores locked at 0-0 at half-time, Morwell clinched victory 12 minutes into the second half. A free kick off Effie Cassar just outside the area found Gordon Scott in a set play position.

Scott fired on goal only to see his shot blocked on the line. Billy Wright made several attempts to plant the ball away, but Scott was given another chance and the ball spilled free and hammered the ball over the line from close range.

Croydon's best chance to equalise came in the 78th minute when goal ace Andy Humble found himself with a clear path to the goal but his shot was brilliantly saved by Morwell keeper Dave Reynolds.

As referee Denis Voutsinas blew the final whistle it signalled the end of Croydon Park as Croydon City's home with their move to new premises all in readiness for next season.

CAULFIELD 3
RINGWOOD 1

Caulfield City ended a disappointing State League season on a high note with a comfortable 3-1 victory over Ringwood City.

Both sides' futures in the State League are hanging in the balance due to the proposed 14-team Super League next season.

Pride became the most important essence during the afternoon proceedings.

Con Tappas, Greg Bratten and Angie Filicou found the target for Caulfield while Micky Maguire scored Ringwood's solitary goal, his eighth for the season.

BOX HILL 2
MOOROOLBARK 3

Box Hill became the first club in State League history to go through a season without registering a win.

The club was always well aware of the uphill battle they faced this season but no-one around the once prestigious club could have dreamt such a devastating and disastrous final outcome.

After completing 34 rounds of competition the Hillmen managed to draw on eight occasions while losing on 26 others.

On the other hand, Mooroolbark continued their impressive form of late, their telling 3-2 victory over Box Hill bringing Mooroolbark's hectic schedule over a five-day period to a enthralling and fruitful

conclusion.

Having to play three matches over this period, Mooroolbark secured maximum points which in turn enabled the Barkers to finish in a credible 12th place on the table but more importantly giving the club a berth in the proposed Super League next season.

David McCallum, Mooroolbark's brilliant Irish recruit, was in superb form, finding the back of the net twice during the match while Barry Burton also put his name on the score sheet while Paddy Cooper and Brendan Rice left their final mark in the State League for Box Hill.

GREEN GULLY 3
FRANKSTON 0

Gully outclassed relegated Frankston Pines to register a comfortable victory.

Kevin Harrison, Gully's star striker, opened up the scoring seven minutes into the first half. Collecting the ball just inside the penalty area, he cleverly chipped Pines keeper Lee Davies in clinical fashion to bring up his 20th goal of the season.

Gully went 2-0 up 12 minutes into the second half when Jeff Faulkner hit a thundering shot from 35 metres into the back of the net.

In the 75th minute Gully went further ahead when Tony Ciantar blasted his shot from just outside the 18 yard box past keeper Davies

and into the back of the net.

ST ALBANS 2
ALTONA GATE 1

St Albans kept their hopes of participating in next year's proposed Super League alive with a gusty 2-1 victory over the very talented Altona Gate outfit.

After a scoreless first half St Albans took the lead 10 minutes into the second half when Goran Trogolic found the back of the net with his telling shot.

Eight minutes later Jules Eren put St Albans further ahead when he converted from the penalty spot to bring up his 13th goal of the season.

Altona Gate scored a consolation goal through their leading scorer Gary McMullen but it was to no avail.

Leading Scorers:
21 P Lewis (Held) 20 A Humble (Croy) K Harrison (G.G) 17 S Smith (Juve) 16 C Pappas (Caul) 13 D Klepac (Croy) J Eres (St.A) G McMullen (Alt.G) 12 D Brogan (Moor).

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A v Albion 0-0
H v St Albans 3-2 (Lewis, Goutzoulis, Herd)
H v Altona Gate 2-0 (Stubbins, Lewis)
A v Box Hill 6-1 (Lewis 3, Carter, Cannell, Ousalkis)
A v Bulleen 1-2 (Stubbins)
H v Thomastown 3-0 (Ravnea, Cannell, Stubbins)
H v Caulfield City 2-0 (Lewis 2)
A v Croydon City 3-0 (Herd, Carter, Lewis)
A v Fawkner 1-2 (Cannell)
A v Frankston Pines 2-0 (Lewis, Cannell)
A v Green Gully 2-1 (Stubbins, OG)
H v Melbourne JUST 3-1 (Goutzoulis 2, Tsakiris)
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A v B. Juventus 1-1 (Lewis)
H v Ringwood City 2-1 (Stevenson, Lewis)
A v Northcote City 1-2 (Cannell)
H v Mooroolbark 5-0 (Stubbins 3, Lewis 2)
H v Albion 2-0 (Stubbins, Goutzoulis)
A v St Albans 1-2 (Lewis)
A v Altona Gate 4-1 (OG, Lewis, Scott, Goutzoulis)
H v Box Hill 2-0 (Cannell 2)
H v Bulleen 2-0 (Stevenson, Lewis)
A v Thomastown 5-0 (Cannell, Stubbins, Stevenson, Goutzoulis, Lewis)
A v Caulfield City 3-0 (Cannell, Herd, Goutzoulis)
H v Croydon City 3-1 (Stevenson 2, McDowall)
H v Fawkner 0-0
H v Frankston Pines 4-1 (Stevenson 2, Cannell, McDowall)
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Steve Blair's sign of confidence

BY GREG BLAKE

HAS arrogance or apathy compelled South Melbourne Hellas to stay off the recruiting trail as the 1990/91 campaign looms ever closer?

According to skipper Steve Blair, it's "a sign of confidence".

But the Souths veteran knows better than most that an injection of new blood is crucial to any team and vital to a side so close to being a genuine contender.

Blair was on deck during the last great South Melbourne collapse (and there have been a few).

In 1988 the club ended a promising third before losing both its finals matches.

In 1989 the same side, still under Brian Garvey, blew out to 9-8-9 record and slumped back to eighth place on the ladder.



STEVE BLAIR

"I really believe you cannot afford not to supplement your squad," Blair concedes.

"You just can't sit back on your laurels and every club needs new faces to inject some enthusiasm."

Admittedly, Hellas, which coincidentally went out of the finals in straight sets again last year (the club hasn't won a final since 1984), did set its sights on luring a rejuvenated Ernie Tapai from Sunshine George Cross for the second summer campaign.

But with Tapai to stay put the recruiting cupboard is bare and the only relatively new faces on the training track will be those of Steve Tasios and Harry Michaels, both returning from long-term injury.

Tasios was a key to this team during its sizzling 1988 season and his return from a succession of injuries and illnesses will delight the Middle Park faithful.

"He's got great spirit and what he does he does well," says Blair.

But the nagging concern that the club should have gone into the transfer market is still on Blair's mind with the season less than a month away.

"The president said at a function that he is happy with the squad and that he believes that we have what it takes to win the championship," said the Souths veteran.

"I told him myself that we need some new blood but his argument is that the return of the injured players plus youth team players coming through will be enough."

"Whatever happens, I still believe that we need new players coming through."

For all that though, both Blair and the other South Melbourne stars are confident things are progressing pretty well at Middle Park.

The atmosphere is good, the players are keen and there are more than one or two of the Hellas stars getting their heads down in a bid to throw off the bridesmaids tag earned after

recent late-season fade-outs.

As always the Middle Park crew will be relying on the marvellous sense of camaraderie developed over recent years.

Most are not long back from an end of season trip to Hawaii where, according to Blair "a few legends were made."

"We needed to let off steam and it's a good way for the boys to get together and get to know each other," he explained.

The end of season trip also helped the players establish clear goals for the new season.

"I think the reality of the situation sunk in when we were away," said Blair.



"There's no pressure on and you don't have to talk to supporters or the press and you've got time to sit around and realise the wasted opportunities we had."

"We could have made the double and we missed it and given the same set of circumstances a year on I really don't think that will happen again."

Souths is currently back in training on four nights each week plus weekends, with the emphasis on fitness work.

The club, and subsequently coach Ferenc Puskas, was criticised for its apparent lack of endurance last year and it seems that Puskas has had a whisper in his ear to that effect.

Blair says the players were conscious of the fact that their fitness was questioned last year and that the 1990/91 pre-season has been far more demanding than in recent years.

"Until recently there have been no five-a-sides at all and all our work has been with running, hurdles, gymnastics and the likes," Blair told ASW.

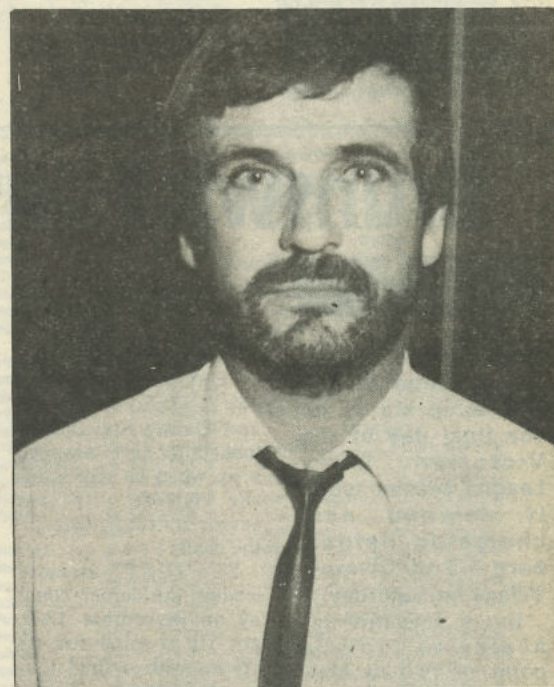
"I think the players are generally pleased with that."

"As we get older it gets a bit harder to do (the physical work) but the harder we go now the better."

"I'd rather do the hard work now and know we'll get through the season OK."

Gardiner is working hard on the Preston challenge

BY GREG BLAKE



JOHN GARDINER

PRESTON's success or otherwise in 1990/91 depends very much on whether new coach John Gardiner can get the very best from his new charges.

Preston, largely considered 1989/90's greatest failure after a fleeting finals appearance the previous season was followed up by a dismal ninth placing in the next campaign, is relying on Gardiner to rev the club back into top five calculations.

And if anyone has broad enough shoulders to carry that sort of burden I suspect Gardiner can.

There have been few changes at Connor Reserve during the off-season, at least to this stage.

Big Shaun Parton has come in from Sunshine to plug up a leaky defence and Kris Trajanovski comes from the AIS with a big reputation.

Apart from George Slifkas, who left the club early in the Victorian State League season, only Robert Runje has left.

Runje has joined Tony Vrzina's Sydney Croatia.

But according to Gardiner the squad is far from finalised.

"Nothing is concrete as yet," says the canny Scot.

"I'll probably go into the local market again but I won't be buying for the sake of buying."

"We're negotiating with players from Perth and Yugoslavia but nothing has been decided yet."

Gardiner admits to being "way behind" in his planning for the season.

The combination of four players away on international duty and players missing training through flu and various injuries has meant that little hard preparation or decision making has been done.

"We've done some conditioning work but there is not much that we've really had a chance to work on," he says.

"We won't be making any radical changes but it's a wait and see situation at the moment."

"The next few weeks will tell and after that we may have to go into the transfer market."

A recent trip away for a long weekend in country Shepparton was expected to assist Gardiner in his culling process.

Fitness training, work on organisation and a general get together for players were to be supplemented by doing some clinics and playing a practice match against Shepparton Macedonia.

"Being behind in our training is a worry and losing players to the national team was not planned," Gardiner explained.

"But it is a chance for the players left behind to measure up."

"And a lot will depend on how we go in the Gold Cup and Dockerty Cup."

"I'll be better able to make decisions in the next few weeks."

There is plenty of good news for the die-hard Preston fans who pointed to injury problems as the major reason behind the club's fall from grace in 1989/90.

Warren Spink, missing for all but a fraction of last season, is showing

no ill effects of his injury and, according to Gardiner, was fine before leaving with the national team for South Korea.

Similarly Oscar Crino has had an injury free pre-season and Ian Roodhouse is back in light training after a knee reconstruction.

1990/91 is a campaign of 'ifs' for Preston.

If it stays free of injury and if the players respond to the highly-regarded Gardiner, there is no reason why it cannot recapture its rightful place in the top five at season's end.



Preston will be relying on the speed of Soccereroo striker Andrew Zinni for goals in 1990/91.

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- Julio Cesar, Montpellier to Juventus
- Pedrag Spasic, Partizan Belgrade to Real Madrid
- Rafael Martin Vazquez, Real Madrid to Torino
- Claudio Taffarel, Inter Porto Alegre to Parma
- Gheorghe Popescu, Craiova to PSV Eindhoven
- Fleming Povlsen, PSV to Borussia Dortmund
- Wim Kieft, PSV to Bordeaux
- Stephane Paille, Bordeaux to Porto
- Rui Aguas, Porto to Benfica
- Georges Grun, Anderlecht to Parma
- Stephane Demol, Porto to Toulouse
- Eric Cantona, Montpellier to Marseille
- Jan Stejskal, Sparta Prague to QPR
- Brian Laudrup, Uerdingen to Bayern Munich
- Tomas Skuhravy, Sparta Prague to Genoa



TOMAS SKUHRAVY — transferred from Czechoslovakia's top club, Sparta Prague, to Genoa of Italy for \$2 million.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

The World Cup sponsors

THE Swiss-based consultants ISL Marketing are responsible for co-ordinating the activities of all major World Cup sponsors.

But how did they contribute to the 1990 World Cup finals?

Stephen Dixon, ISL Marketing's vice-president, was the man in charge of ensuring that Coca-Cola and the rest obtained maximum visible return for their multi-million investment at Italia'90.

The popular WORLD SOCCER magazine was interested to find out how difficult was it to get ten of the world's biggest companies together for a major world event.

WORLD SOCCER's inquiry follows.

"It was extremely difficult", Stephen Dixon said.

"Mainly because they all had different needs and aspirations. Some of the companies are very independent, others need a lot of guidance.

"We had Coca-Cola, Philips, JVC, Canon, the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, which promoted specifically Spumante and wines of Italy, Carlsberg beer, Gillette and two new boys in Mars and Alfa-Romeo.

"Mars had been interested for some time in using sports sponsorship as a vehicle for the promotion of their goods.

"Basically, they wanted to achieve nutritional credibility for Mars as part of a healthy diet.

"They spent \$17 million on the World Cup and their activities included advertising in the stadia and in the programme.

"They also had product exclusivity and access to tickets, an extremely important aspect if you consider that tickets were nearly sold out, and requests for tickets, for the final were six times the capacity of Rome's Olympic Stadium!"

What about Alfa Romeo?

"Alfa Romeo took space on the centreline board which enabled the millions of television viewers to see their name.

"Also being Italian, they were very involved in a number of initiatives, including the launch of a new car to celebrate their participation in the World Cup."

Did each company have a specific development?

"Yes, take Coca-Cola for example.

"Due to security needs in the grounds Coca-Cola produced plastic bottles and sold their product without the tops.

"I believe this was a first at a sporting event."

What initiatives did the



other sponsors take?

"Fuji provided a fast developing service for all

accredited photographers at the stadia.

"Philips provided all the stadia lighting equipment, Gillette used the occasion to launch a new shaving system while Canon and JVC were supplying equipment."

How did ISL co-ordinate all this?

"We held workshops for the sponsors in the various Italian cities so they were all able to get together, exchange views, bounce ideas off each other and used our experience to get promotion and advertising ideas", Dixon said.



Diego Maradona and Claudio Caniggia embrace after eliminating Italy in the World Cup semi-finals.

Tomislav Ivic in Spanish hot seat

YUGOSLAV Tomislav Ivic became Atletico Madrid's ninth coach in three years on the eve of the Spanish First Division competition kick-off.

Jesus Gil y Gil, Atletico's outspoken chairman, sacked Joaquin Peiro after the team lost two friendly matches on penalties to First Division Cadiz and Brazilian club Atletico Mineiro.

He had been coach for six months.

Ivic, who left French club Paris St-Germain at the end of last season, has a reputation for firmness which fitted Gil's belief that Atletico needed "a harder hand."

Ivic, whose previous clubs include Hadjuk

Split of Yugoslavia, Anderlecht of Belgium, Dutch team Ajax and Portugal's Porto, signed a one-year contract.

In the past three seasons Gil has taken on and discarded Argentina's Cesar-Luis Menotti, who lasted eight months, Britain's Ron Atkinson and Colin Addison (three and four months respectively), and Spaniards Armando Ufarte (one month), Jose Maria Maguregui (three months) and Javier Clemente (seven months).

"In this club a lot of trainers have fallen and when you sign you know you must have your suitcases at the ready," said Peiro on news of his removal.

CAPTAIN TO THE RESCUE

FC Koln has turned to its captain from the World Cup campaign, Pierre Littbarski, as a temporary manager for the crisis-hit West German side.



The club desperately needs a new manager, since the July sacking of Christoph Daum, along with the new sponsors and players.

English clubs warned

ENGLISH League soccer clubs have been warned to toe the disciplinary line in the forthcoming season or face severe sanctions.

Deduction of League points and expulsion from cup competitions are threats made by Football Association chief executive Graham Kelly in a letter to all 92 club secretaries prior to the start of the new campaign.

"We would particularly ask you to remind your board of directors of the wide-ranging penalties a disciplinary commission can impose on clubs deemed guilty of misconduct because of the actions of their

players," said.

"You will recall that in season 1989-90 heavy financial penalties were imposed on four clubs because of unruly conduct by players during matches.

"As well as financial penalties, however, the members of the disciplinary committee confirmed at a recent meeting that a commission also has the authority to deduct League points or expel clubs from Cup competitions in appropriate cases."

British Crown



AN unofficial British soccer championship, fought out over one match last season, will be a two-legged affair this year.

Liverpool will meet Glasgow Rangers at Anfield in November and the return will be a month later at Ibrox.

Meanwhile, Bournemouth manager Harry Redknapp, severely injured in a car crash in Italy during the World Cup, has been told by specialists he will not be able to return to the English Third Division club until October.

Assistant manager Terry Shanahan will deputise.

Adelaide Hellas draws first blood



ADELAIDE Hellas took the first leg of its National Soccer League playoff against Brisbane Lions with a 1-0 win at Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium on Wednesday night.

In a physical and bruising encounter, Adelaide's Quentin Watkins broke the half-time deadlock with a 79th minute goal.

The match produced seven bookings, but the tackles were more a result of clumsiness than spite.

The game came to life after the goal, but play before that was characterised by a dour midfield struggle, strong defence and few forward attacks.

There was little difference between the respective State League premiers, although Adelaide had more attacks over the 90 minutes.

But Brisbane still mounted some telling raids, the closest coming after 16 minutes when midfielder Andrew Stowell hit the cross bar with a 20m drive.

By that time Adelaide had already used both its substitutes, with full-back Richard Miranda dislocating an ankle in the sixth minute and captain and caretaker coach

Alby Kidd aggravating a calf injury.

Referee Richard Lorenc, Australia's representative in the Italia 90 World Cup, issued four yellow cards in the first half, with Brisbane's Richard Bassingthwaite, Dean Milosevic and Nick Meredith booked for illegal tackles.

Earlier, Kidd was also cautioned for kicking the ball away after a Brisbane free kick.

The second half produced a similar style but the tempo lifted after Watkins' goal.

After starting at full-back, Watkins was switched to midfield in the second half and made a good position to receive a Peter Rankin lay-off.

The second half produced yellow cards to Brisbane's David Hunter and Chris Slater, while Watkins also was



booked before his goal.

Brisbane used both substitutes in the second half with Russell Stewart coming on for Bassingthwaite and Geoff Lombardo on for Milosevic.

Brisbane pushed forward several times in the last ten minutes, while Adelaide tried hard for a second.

Both teams will meet Victorian State League premier Heidelberg in the next fortnight to decide which of the three will take a place in the NSL season starting next month.

— PAUL KLARIC of AAP

Lions stay alive

BY GREG RUSSELL

AN injury-time goal from Lions' "super-sub" Stew MacLeod kept the Queensland team's National League promotion hopes alive with a 1-1 draw against Adelaide Hellas at Perry Park last Sunday.

MacLeod, who had scored five times as substitute in two seasons at Richlands, maintained his reputation as he rescued Lions from a hopeless position when he cli-

nically headed into the net off an Andy Stowell cross in the 91st minute.

The draw, which followed Hellas' 1-0 win in Adelaide, kept Lions in with a slim chance of winning the three-way play off.

But their fate now rests on scoring home and away wins over Victorian champions Heidelberg and hoping Hellas can share the spoils with the Victorians.

Lions' hopes of clawing their way back into the tie looked all but dashed when they went 0-1 behind in 66th minute.

Keeper Kevin Tatton, his side's best player in the midweek match against Hellas, was cruelly punished for a rare error.

He dropped a cross and could not regain the ball in a desperate penalty box melee from which Hellas' Len Vatsilas poked a shot into the net.

The situation was to deteriorate for the Queenslanders four minutes later when experienced midfielder Russell Stewart was sent off after his second caution in five minutes.

But Lions had only themselves to blame for not grabbing both points from the match against an Adelaide side obviously content

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Young Socceroos in Fiji

Watch out Israel, the Aussies are coming!

AUSTRALIA romped home in the Oceania World Cup Youth Championship play-offs in Fiji with a thumping 6-0 demolition of New Zealand in Ba on Saturday.

The Young Socceroos more than dominated the five-nation tournament, scoring 22 goals and conceding none in four matches over eight days.

They earned the right to play in Israel in February in the qual-

3-0 win

THE Aussies scored an emphatic 3-0 win over host nation Fiji last Thursday at Laukoti.



MARK BABIC

The win made sure Australia qualified for the play-offs against Israel.

As in the two earlier games, the Young Roos calmly dominated play by working from the back, monopolising possession in the midfield and waiting for breaks.

Apparently rattled by the Aussies' reputation, Fiji played as defensive underdogs from the start.

They were clearly outclassed in technique and disastrously squandered the few chances they had with wild shots at goal and poor passing.

ifying play-offs for a berth in the World Cup finals in Portugal later next year.

Although New Zealand were slaughtered by Australia, they will accompany the Young Roos to Israel as the second-placed team, which does not say much for the other three competing sides, Tahiti, Fiji and Vanuatu.

New Zealand will close the tournament today (Monday) against Tahiti who drew 1-1 with hosts Fiji on Saturday.

The scoring was opened in the 33rd minute when John Kakakios and David Seal sliced through Fiji's defence, giving striker Kris Trajanovski a shot 10 metres out.

Five minutes later, a strong individual effort by midfielder Lorenz Kindtner paid off when he chipped the ball over the head of Fiji 'keeper Ioseva Visaboto and into the back of the net to give Australia a 2-0 half-time lead.

In the 50th minute a freekick by captain Paul Okon just outside the Fiji box dropped over the wall and curled in for the third goal.

Although almost always in Australia's control, the game was not without incident, with Trajanovski and Kakakios both yellow-carded by New Zealand referee Bob Tasker.

AUSTRALIA: Schwarzer, Koliba, Stojcevski, Popovic, Okon, Kindtner, Bingley, Kakakios (Sorras), Seal, Trajanovski, Corica.

Fiji: Visaboto, Batidegal, Korowaitui, Tabea, Khan, Wise, Osborne, Nair, Kumar, Nasema, Waininama.

SCORERS: Trajanovski 33m, Kindtner 40m, Okon 50m for Australia.

Australian coach Les Scheinflug was understandably delighted with his side's unbeatable performance.

"No other side could match us," he said.

Striker Trajanovski opened Australia's

by grounding a high ball and firing in past Kiwi goalie Bruce Plunkett.

A long pass from Trajanovski in the 69th minute gave Maloney his first chance which he repeated again 20 metres out four minutes later.



PAUL OKON

account in the 12th minute by slamming a loose ball past a confused New Zealand defence.

Just before half-time Seal was tackled but regained control to score from 15 metres out.

In the 48th minute he was there again with a header rebounding off midfielder Matthew Bingley.

In the 77th he completed his three-goal set

Maloney was brought back into the side after John Kakakios was disqualified by two yellow cards in earlier matches.

AUSTRALIA: Talia, Koliba, Stojcevski, Popovic, Okon, Kindtner, Bingley (Becinovski), Maloney, Seal, Trajanovski (Sorras), Corica.

NEW ZEALAND: Plunkett, Rowland, Byers, Bagshaw, Walker, Burton, Roberts, Wilkinson (Jackett), Tindall (Varizonis), Ngata, Monsef.

SCORERS: Trajanovski 12m; Seal 41, 48, 77m; Bradley 69, 73m for Australia.

CROWD: 3000.

TAHITI TROUNCED

AUSTRALIA demolished Tahiti 7-0 in their second match in the Youth World Cup Oceania play-offs in Nadi last Monday.

The Aussies led 5-0 at half-time and dominated throughout.

"Within 15 minutes we knew Tahiti were no match for us," coach Les Scheinflug said.

"We slowed down in the second half just to avoid injuries."

"The match for us was largely an exercise in discipline. We kept the ball moving and made few mistakes. It was a good game."

This was the first time the under 20 Aussies had met Tahiti, who were recently admitted as a member country of Oceania — and FIFA.

Until this year, Tahiti was part of the French Federation and did not compete internationally under its own steam.

It was a debacle of a debut for the French Polynesians, who clearly were outclassed in every department.

Six of Australia's goals were scored in doubles — by Stephen Corica in the 34th and 43rd minutes, Matthew Bingley in the 14th and 69th minutes and Kris Trajanovski in the 23rd and 89th minutes.

Tahiti's inability to cope was highlighted with an own goal off sweeper Tearii Alpha from a corner kick from David Seal in the 24th minute.

The Australian team against Tahiti: Schwarzer, Okon, Koliba (Stanton 65m), Stojcevski, Popovic, Kindtner, Kakakios (Babic 46m), Corica, Bingley, Trajanovski, Seal.

Playing just before the Australians, New Zealand were not too convincing in beating Vanuatu 3-1.

Scorers for New Zealand: Heremaia Ngata 11m, Glen Walker 57m and Mark Burton 70m; for Vanuatu, Alick Santhy netted a 75th minute penalty.

Australia's line-up in the first-up 6-0 win against Vanuatu was: Schwarzer, Okon, Koliba, Popovic, Stojcevski, Kindtner, Kakakios (Sorras 70m), Corica, Hastie (Maloney 46m), Trajanovski, Seal.

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Socceroos' two-match series in South Korea

BY PHIL MARTIN

Aussies improve, but still lack cohesion

PUSAN — South Korea again defeated Australia 1-0 at Pusan's Kudok Stadium on Sunday.

Despite the defeat the Australians played better than on Thursday.

Coach Eddie Thomson said his team was far more competitive this time round.

"We held them down to two chances in the first half when we enjoyed good possession.



AUSTRALIAN SKIPPER PAUL WADE

"This is a young, inexperienced side that can only get better but it is imperative we play more international matches against top class opponents.

"Our lack of maturity showed."

The Australians surprised Korea by taking the initiative straight from the kick-off.

In the fourth minute striker Andrew Zinni forced a good save off Korean goalie Kim Poong Joo with a rising shot.

Kim was one of several new players in the side who did not appear in the first match.

A reshaped Australian defence held its ground well against the nippy Korean forwards but Australian goalkeeper Robert Zabica, the hero of Thursday's match, was called upon to make two outstanding saves in the first half.

In the 20th minute he flung himself at the feet of Ko Young Won and almost on half time he fingertipped a dipping 25-metre shot by Kim Tan Keun over the bar.

The Koreans made a mockery of the second half, incurring the wrath of Thomson by making five substitutions at half-time.

Although both teams

had agreed to only four, plus the goalkeeper before the match.

The wholesale changes seemed to unsettle the Australians

and disrupted the tactics which had worked well in the first half.

Not surprisingly, the rhythm of the game slackened with very few chances being created at either end.

Zabica, however, did have to pull off another spectacular save in the 60th minute when one of the Korean subs, Soo Young Won, tested him from 12 metres.

And it was the same Soo Young Won who broke the deadlock with the only goal of the game in the 84th minute when a scoreless draw seemed inevitable.

Soo darted through a slack Australian defence to slam home a short-range volley from a well-directed pass from South Korean soccer idol Kim Joo Sung.

The Socceroos tried desperately to force an equaliser in the final minutes, but their finishing lacked sting and South Korea held on to wrap up the two match series.

AUSTRALIA: Zabica, Hooker, Durakovic, Bernal, Tobin, Wade, Petersen, McCulloch, Tapai, Trimboli (van Blerk 60), Zinni. **CROWD:** 21,000.

SOUTH KOREA 1 AUSTRALIA 0

Brilliant Zabica restricts Koreans

BY PHIL MARTIN

SEOUL — AUSTRALIA lost its first-ever match against South Korea at Seoul's venerable Dong-daemun Stadium on Thursday evening when the new-look Socceroos were outclassed and lucky to get away with a one-goal defeat.

To say that the score flattered Eddie Thomson's men would be an understatement as they were never in the game after all but being swept off their feet by the nimble South Koreans.

One match stood between Australia and an embarrassing hiding — goalkeeper Robert Zabica.

The Australian defence just had to crack and it was nothing short of a miracle that it only did so once — in the 18th minute.

It was then that Kim Joo Sung, who can no longer be nicknamed 'Samson' because he is now wearing his hair short, let fly with a fierce shot after outwitting three Aussie defenders on the right flank.

His drive was only parried by goalkeeper Zabica and Byun Byung Joo was on the spot to pot home the rebound despite a desperate lunge by an Australian defender.

Australia just had no answer to the Koreans' speed and incisive inter-passing as the hosts displayed all of the traditional traits that were missing from their game in the World Cup finals.

The Koreans looked set for a flood of goals against a disjointed Socceroo defence which was at sixes and sevens, unable to contain their more aggressive, faster opponents.

The Koreans were given all the room in the world to operate and their danger men were not being marked,

perhaps because Eddie Thomson did not see fit to view tapes of the Koreans in action at Italia '90.

Had he done so, he would have known what to expect, I dare say.

In defence of the Socceroos, it must be said, of course, that they only got to Seoul 36 hours before the kick-off and that they are also out of season and desperately short of international match practice.

The Koreans are not only in the midst of their domestic club competition but have also been getting plenty of international match play.



ROBERT ZABICA

With so many new players it would have been unrealistic to expect Australia to mould together so fast.

And let's not forget that Australia also has almost a full 'A' national team in Europe these days which does not make Thomson's selection process any easier.

The win was South Korea's first in 14 meetings between the traditional rivals.

Ironically, it was Aus-

tralia who were presented with the best chance of the first half when Kimon Taliadoros latched onto a misdirected back pass just before half-time but he shot weakly into the arms of Korean goalkeeper Choi In Young from six metres out.

Several substitutions on both teams slowed the pace of the game considerably in the second half, allowing the Australians to show themselves more in attack and settle better in defence, but they never really looked like forcing an equaliser.

The Koreans were robbed of a 2-0 lead when Zabica saved a 75th minute penalty — with his feet — after Tom McCulloch had fouled in the box.

And a minute later, Australian man-of-the-match Zabica made a spectacular save off a 12-metre piledriver by Noh Young Sun.

Zabica, in rare form, again drew gasps from the 18,000 crowd with magnificent saves in the final eight minutes as the Australians survived an all-out last-gasp onslaught.

Besides the towering Zabica, it was impossible to single out any other Australian player in a team that gave the worst display of any national side for quite some time.

SOUTH KOREA: Choi In Young, Park Kyung Joon, Yoon Deuk Yeo, Hong Myung Bo (No Young Jun 70m), Gu Sang Bum, Kim Joo Sung (Hwang Bo Hwang 59m), Kim Tan Keun (Lee Tae Ho 59m), Choi Soon Ho, Lee Young Chin, Byun Byung Joo (Cho Young Wan 46m), Hwang Seon HoNG.

AUSTRALIA: Zabica, Durakovic, Tobin, Bernal, Spyridakos, de Marigny (van Blerk 54m), Tapai, Wade, McCulloch, Trimboli (Milosevic 62m), Taliadoros (Spink 62m).

SCORER: Byun Byung Joo 18m for South Korea.

YELLOW CARD: Trimboli 17m.

REFEREE: Kii Ki Chul (South Korea).

CROWD: 18,000.

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Chit Chat ... Chit Chat ... Chit Chat

Newcastle BHP Austral has been having goalkeeper trouble following injury to Craig Carter in the game against Sydney Macedonia. The club has Sydney Olympic's New Zealand keeper Clint Gosling registered with the NSW Soccer Federation, and they have been hoping to have him for the season's end.

Adelaide City may play a handful of NSL matches at State League club Salisbury United's home ground of Steve Jarvis Park or Aussie rules ground, Thebarton Oval. Salis-

bury executive Jack Innes made the offer after City's home ground at Hindmarsh was ruled out for the opening weeks of the new season from October. The local Hindmarsh Council has informed Adelaide City and the SA Soccer Federation that Hindmarsh Stadium will be closed from September 17 to November 2 for needed pitch repairs after a hectic season. The Adelaide City board will decide where opening games will be played.

Tony Vidmar is reported to have impress-

ed Tottenham Hotspur scouts whilst appearing for the Socceroo Olympic team. Brother Aurelio, apparently now based in Italy, had a previous trial with Grasshoppers of Zurich.

Manuel Mavridis, a young striker from the Illawarra district, is currently in Hong Kong and trialing with a leading club, Martini. His air fares and accommodation have been paid for a month. At 21 he has represented Illawarra Youth against ACT and played for Wollongong BHP Wolves' youth team. He is actually a contracted player for Wollongong Olympic. He has nothing to lose by trying out in Hong Kong, as he did not obtain a place in the first team of his present club, Balgownie.

Melbourne Croatia goalkeeper David Miller has just returned from a month's trial with Glasgow Rangers. The Scottish club has invited him back at the end of the 1990/91 NSL season. Miller, who was not happy with the Croatia terms last season, may return to Adelaide unless his demands are met.

Sydney and Melbourne Croatia are involved in a tug of war over the signature of Morwell Falcons striker Gordon Scott, a former player in the Scottish Premier League with St Johnstone.

The 1990 National Women's Championships have been organised by the Australian Women's Soccer Association for Valen-

tine Sports Park at Parklea. The event is run over five days, the first game being played on Sunday 16th September with the finals on Saturday 16th September.

The word is out that the recent contention between AIS head coach Ron Smith, NSW director David Lee and NSW Coaches president Vince Balzan has been resolved by the Australian Soccer Federation. It is believed that the welcome mat is now out for David Lee at AIS headquarters in Canberra.

Berti Mariani is very hopeful new signing John Markovski will make a big impact with his new team this coming season. Markovski moved to Sydney last week from Melbourne Croatia. Despite a disappointing tour of Europe with the Australian squad, Markovski has been offered a contract as a full time player, along with Ian Gray, Tom McCulloch and Paul Okon. The Marconi coach believes he will fulfil his potential at the club.

Polish import Wojtek Jagoda has been released by Adelaide Croatia and is keen to find a club interstate. The former Legia Warsaw sweeper can be contacted through Witek Polanski on 280 8294.

Hollifield to return

BY

MARK STRACHAN

FORMER English first Division professional Mike Hollifield will be back in Wollongong shortly to rejoin the BHP Wolves.

His presence, after a period away in England, is certain to give the defence a huge boost.

The club is also negotiating with an Argentinian midfielder and a Sydney based striker.

Club official Robert Zanier has been chasing up three players in Perth.

Club secretary John Vlietstra expects to sign at least one of them for the coming NSL season.

The Wolves are unhappy to have lost the chance to bring Alex Bundalo back to his home town side from Apia Leichhardt.

Mr Vlietstra praised Bundalo as "one of the best midfielders in the country".

Bundalo reckons that he has a better chance of reaching his goal, that of cracking the National squad, if he remains in Sydney.

The Wolves nevertheless contend that coach David Ratcliffe will have a very competitive squad at his disposal.

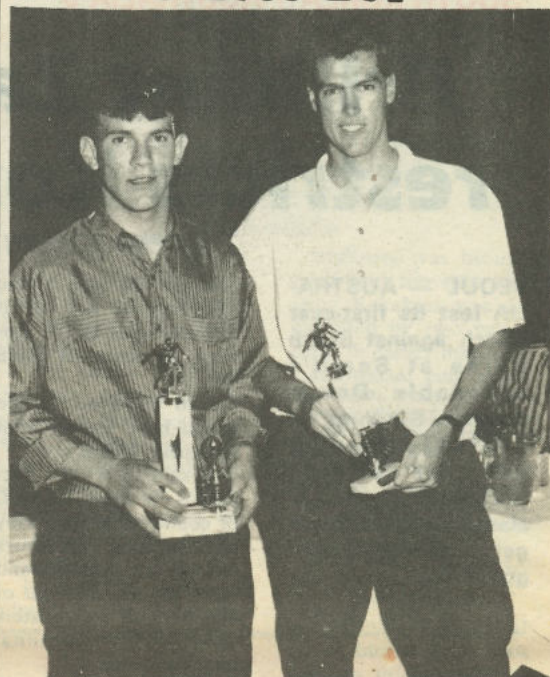
Two members of the Australian Olympic team that has just returned from Europe have been invited to trial with newly-promoted English First Division club Leeds United. Striker Gary Hasler, who scored

but both will return in time for the NSL season kick-off the first weekend of October. Hasler and Zelic don't want to move abroad yet, but will take advantage of their time at Elland Road to survey the UK scene.

two goals against the League of Ireland in Dublin, and brilliant sweeper Ned Zelic leave on September 17

St George have transferred fullback David Green to Wollongong City in exchange for striker Randall Easthorpe and \$2000.

PERSONALITY PLAYER



ERIC HRISTODOULOU (left) with young Olympic team-mate Sean Scott.

ERIC HRISTODOULOU

(Sydney Olympic)

NAME: Eric Hristodoulou.
 CLUB: Sydney Olympic
 BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Sydney, 23/6/70.
 HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 174 cms, 74kg
 MARRIED: No
 HOME: Marrickville.
 NICKNAME: "Eka".
 CAR: Ford XD.
 OCCUPATION: Apprentice Electrician.
 PREVIOUS CLUB: Sydney City.
 FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Inter Milan, Bayern Munich.
 FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Baresi, Baggio.
 FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Andrew Bernal.
 MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Branko Milosevic.
 FAVOURITE GROUND: Pratten Park.
 MOST MEMORABLE GAME: Against Illawarra Under 14s-1984.
 BIGGEST THRILL: Being selected for this current Olympic squad.
 BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being dropped of Sydney Olympic's NSL squad.
 WORST INJURY: Quad-strain.
 FAVOURITE POSITION: Midfielder.
 FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: All sports.
 FAVOURITE FOOD: Greek food.
 FAVOURITE MUSIC: Cher and Guns and Roses.
 FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Grahame Kennedy's Funniest Moments.
 BEST FRIEND: Steve Refenes, Lou Triantafylou.
 BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Alan Vest, Father, Mick Hickman, Geoff Harcombe.
 AMBITIONS: Hopefully to be injury-free and play overseas.
 MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Steve Refenes.
 PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Franco Baresi.

—JOHN ECONOMOS



EDDIE KRNCVIC — he has yet to score for FC Liege, his new Belgian club but last week he was amongst the best players in the 4-2 win against his former club, Anderlecht.

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Preston and Melbourne Croatia are interested in signing Gerry Gomez from Marconi, though Apia Leichhardt have offered \$15,000 for

him. Marconi however, say that's not nearly enough for the fine utility player who has also received an offer from a top Hong Kong club.

Queensland's own beer

Davis calls for simultaneous kick-offs

BY GREG RUSSELL

TARINGA coach Glenn Davis has called on the Queensland Soccer Federation to review its final round programming next year after his side narrowly missed the play-offs for the second consecutive season.

Taringa missed out on fifth position to Easts by two goals on goals scored after they finished with identical points totals and goal difference.

Easts, last year's grand final winners, only



Taringa Rovers' John Kowtan.

Thistle were beaten at home by Lions on the Friday night, taking all the pressure off Acacia Ridge in their clash with the strongly-finishing Mount Gravatt at Proud Field the following night.

Had the matches been played at the same time, the first score report from Lanham Park would have been that Thistle were leading 1-0.

That surely would have sparked desperation into the Acacia Ridge game and among the fans at Proud Field.

Davis, who joined many of his players at Heath Park in the hope that North Star would beat Easts, said it had been a heartbreaking way to end the season, particularly after missing the finals on goal difference last year.

After three years at the helm at Speare Park, he said his initial reaction was to step aside.

"I'll be talking to the club this week but I said at the start of the year that if we didn't make the play-offs this season, I would call it quits" he said.

"The side has improved every year since I took over and I have no doubts Taringa will contest a major trophy next season. But perhaps they need a new coach to push them that little bit extra".

Davis predicted only few losses in the off-season and every chance the Taringa Squad would be strengthened.

The only player likely to leave Speare Park is midfielder Mark Bennett, who has dual Australian-English citizenship.

Bennett is heading back to England in the off-season, but some are tipping he could return for the 1991 season.

"The club has had a couple of nibbles from some very well cre-

dential players and I expect talks will begin with them soon", Davis said.

"The important thing is for Taringa not to dwell on missing out on this year's finals, but to treat the season as another stepping stone to the club's inevitable rise to the elite in Queensland soccer".

Brisbane Ethnic World Cup

AUSTCARE will be the beneficiary of a soccer tournament to be held at Heath Park, Hilton St, East Brisbane.

The tournament, run on the format of the FIFA World Cup, will bring together some of the best known soccer players and referees in Brisbane doing their bit for charity.

The event, which will be played every Sunday from October 7 to the finals on November 11, in its sixth year has become a major drawcard for soccer followers.

This year Italy will be defending the Ethnic World Cup against England, Chile, American Cosmos, Scotland, Ireland, Fiji, Australia, East Timor, Greece, Portugal, and an Australian Youth team.

Games will kick off at 1.30 and 3.30 each Sunday.

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STEIN GRODUM — Eastern Suburbs and Queensland state team defender.

60 years tradition

Bardon, Latrobe Valley celebrate their past

ONE of Queensland soccer's most famous and successful clubs is staging a reunion.

Former players, members and officials of Bardon Latrobe, which has existed as separate clubs, combined and as a junior outfit over the past 60 years are invited to a function next month.

The Latrobe club was among the giants of Queensland soccer in the late 20's and 30's, winning five consecutive premierships from 1929 to 33 and were victorious again in 1935.

Latrobe won premierships in 1964, 66 and 67 and the championship (grand final) in 1965 and 66.

The 70's saw the decline of the senior club and ultimately it was annexed by neighbours Mitchelton.

But the name re-emerged when the Bardon Latrobe junior soccer club re-established at Bowman Park.

Latrobe Valley's home ground — Beninca Oval, Murray Street, Wilston will be the venue for the reunion on Saturday, October 6.

The cost is \$25 which includes a spint roast, salad and dessert.

Anyone who requires further information on the reunion or would like to book tickets, should contact Gwen Evans

(369 7246), Des Collins (300 3405), Murray Turner (355 3383) or Jim Binnie (371 3409).

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to rest on their home victory.

Hellas rarely pressured the Lions goal yet at the other end, Adelaide keeper Tony Pezzano was only occasionally stretched as Lions repeatedly failed to find the target.

In the first half John Lowey, faced with a clear shot on goal, skewed wide as he predictably used his left-foot to shoot a ball bouncing on his right side. Seven minutes after the break Angus Smith headed onto the cross bar.

But the most anguishing misses came in the final minutes of the game as Lions became desperate.

A well-worked move between Nick Meredith and MacLeod saw Lions captain Arno Bertogna set up perfectly on the edge of the box, but he shot like a defender — high and wide.

Seconds later Mengotti, who had been switched from the back into the forward line, acrobatically flung himself at a far post cross but could gain no control on the ball and volved wide.

Soccer for Disabled

Rochdale Rovers Soccer Club are eager to form and promote "Soccer for Disabled".

There is no reason why disabled persons cannot play soccer, every other sport involves the disabled — except soccer.

Up to now, no one in Queensland has had the confidence that disabled persons can play soccer, but Rochdale Rovers are prepared to give these persons this opportunity.

There are many forms of disability, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, amputees, etc.

These teams will be for all, intellectually and physically disabled.

Primary teams will be from Brisbane, but hopefully this will soon grow to other areas in Queensland and further to a national basis.

Any disabled person interested to play soccer are asked to phone the president of Rochdale Rovers Soccer Club, Bob Baldwin on 341 7076.

Rochdale will be seeking help from other Brisbane clubs or anyone interested in this venture.

A major sponsor or sponsors will be a necessity for the formation of "Soccer for Disabled".

The kick-off for "Soccer for Disabled" will be an All-Star match between Australia (elect) v Ireland (elect) to be played at Underwood Park Rochdale on Sunday, October 7 (kick-off at 2.30pm).

The curtain raiser will be two junior teams.

Admission will be a donation — adults \$5, children \$1, disabled persons free.

And all proceeds will go to "Soccer for Disabled".

— PAT McERLEAN

scraped into the play-offs after a last round 2-1 upset of 1989 premiers North Star.

The surprise result came the day after Taringa had battled a scoreless draw with Pine Rivers. Easts went into their final fixture knowing they had to win to grab fifth spot.

While Davis concedes Taringa had only themselves to blame for not securing a top five berth themselves with a win over Pine Rivers, he believes the draw proved to motivate the Easts players and robbed the urgency from North Star's play.

"Easts went into the game knowing their top five chances were still

alive and North Star knew they couldn't be toppled from third place", Davis said.

"I'm not saying North Star didn't try, but certainly Easts had more to play for.

"It would have been so much fairer for all concerned if the final round matches kicked off simultaneously.

"It's not an unusual request, they do it in the final round of the World Cup round robin matches".

The Taringa—Easts situation was not the only permutation to be affected by final round matches.

Grange Thistle needed to win and hope Acacia Ridge lost to avoid relegation.

Grand final time

BY PAT McERLEAN

THE 1990 XXXX Soccer League season has produced the same Top Five as contested the semi-finals in 1989.

North Star were the 1989 premiers and Brisbane Lions finished on top of the points table in 1990.

The final five teams in the XXXX League are Brisbane Lions, Brisbane City, North Star, Pine Rivers and Easts.

Eastern Suburbs won the 1989 Grand Final from fifth position.

The question now is can they repeat the performance and take out the grand final for the second season in a row.

Grange Thistle accomplished this feat back in 1980/81 — obviously Eastern Suburbs will be anxious to emulate this achievement.

Their opposition in

Political delay over Hindmarsh

BY ALAN CLARK

IMPROVEMENTS to Hindmarsh Stadium will have to be well underway by midway through next year or South Australia can forget hosting prestigious World Youth Cup or Socceroo games.

Australia is to host the World Youth Cup in 1993 but Hindmarsh only will be included among venues if facilities are up to scratch.

And general secretary of the Australian Soccer Federation, Alan Vessey has given SA a deadline of mid-1991 for SA's soccer house to be in order.

The scene was thrown into confusion last week with news the State Government was to defer the \$3.9m redevelopment of SA's home of soccer after new lighting is installed this year.

There was a Government prediction the rest of the project could go ahead under funding allocated in the 1991-92 State Budget.

But business officials are not so convinced the economic position will have improved considerably, if at all, by next year.

The original announcement of Government backing for the stadium was made amid a glare of publicity in a crucial pre-election time with soccer-loving, key ethnic voters sure to be impressed.

But now this unpopular stance is taken at a lower-risk mid-term time you can understand soccer cynicism over any promises of finance to complete the improvements.

Significantly, the Minister for Recreation and Sport, Mr Mayes in a Press release said: "While I hope the 1991-92 Budget contains enough funding for the rest of the building program there is no guarantee this funding will be available."

Vessey and FIFA vice-president Harry Cavan visited Hindmarsh earlier this year and did not grant it approval as a 1993 World Youth Cup venue as facilities were not up to scratch.

"I expect a further inspection to be undertaken mid-1991. Therefore improvements will need to be completed or sufficient evidence available to convince the FIFA officials that such improvements will be completed," Vessey told SA.

SA Soccer Federation general manager Mike Wells now has extended an invitation



Adelaide Hellas president Michael Ronis and club captain Alby Kidd with the splendid SA State League trophy.

for Mr Mayes to address the board over the Government's planning and proposals for upgrading.

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Promoted Para Hills this week hopes to announce its new coach for next season. Senior coach Jack Braidwood, after leading the club back into the First Division at the first time of asking, decided to hand over the reins for the next campaign, citing he was "too old" to continue. There should be no shortage of inquiries about the coaching roles with the Hillsideers brimful of confidence for a return to the big time.

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An Adelaide City board meeting will settle if the club pursues its bid to play in the NSL Youth League South next season. City reportedly has been accepted in principle into the youth set-up and Dave Jenkins, head of the club's marketing division, is rounding off negotiations to help provide sufficient sponsoring backing for such a move. Those could include naming rights for the side with an airline. City would have to pay fares for visiting Melbourne sides as well as its costs in going interstate but there is a feeling the relative boom to City's soccer kids would be worth the expense. The kids would feature in curtain-raisers to City's home NSL matches. City, according to Jenkins, also has attracted a spin-off benefit from the approaches made the Cameroun World Cup star, Roger Milla. "The agent we contracted in Paris is aware of the standard here and the kind of players we would like

to attract. He is to keep an eye out for potential players for us there," said Jenkins.

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One former Adelaide City and Croatia player, controversial Jesper Sorensen is expected back in SA in October. He will holiday here with his family but is tipped to talk over the possibility of a soccer return. He played last season in his native Denmark.

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Ardent Glasgow Rangers fans Colin McLean and Alex Duthie hope to start holding weekly meetings of a local northern suburb Supporters Club branch for the Scottish soccer giant. The first meeting will be held from 7.30pm on Wednesday at the Bremen Hotel, 1210 Grand Junction Road, Hope Valley. Highlights of the Rangers v Dunfermline and Motherwell v Celtic opening Premier League matches will be featured on the 4ft video screen. All interested fans are welcome to attend.

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Former Scottish Premier League professional and Adelaide Hellas striker Raymond Blair has been appointed head coach of Vacation Soccer Schools and will lead the clinic into a bumper month of October. This marks the 10th anniversary of VSS which has helped develop the soccer talent of thousands of young SA players. A new Coaching Director for VSS will be named next month. VSS is 10 years old on September 1. To celebrate this important occasion, all boys and girls who register for the October school not later than Friday, September 21 will re-

ceive a 10 percent discount. Potential VSS players are asked to post applications as soon as possible, along with the special fee of \$108. All holders of Advanced Awards also are invited to attend for the October school week at no charge. All they have to do is complete an entry form not later than September 21. All parents and participants are invited to join VSS in a celebration on Friday, October 5 at 4pm at Scotch College, following the presentation of awards.

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Norman Lees will lead Cumberland next season. He is to replace Dave Baker as coach of the Foxes, who were relegated this season. Jim Muldoon has quit as coach of Modbury. The club is sure to receive a sackful of inquiries about the vacant position.

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The Fairmont Homes Second Division Cup final 1-0 win against Omonia at Hindmarsh was Brian Boyd's last hurrah as coach of CD Apac. "I already have told the club I will not be doing the job next year," said Boyd. "I might play if I can get fit but it was good to go out with a win. Challenger Omonia looks sure to make Bowker Street, Brighton its home next season. Brighton Council has approved the club's move there and Omonia officials have met to try to iron out "one or two minor points" before the switch goes ahead. Omonia, in its second Federation year, has played this season at Beograd's Woodville West. "A home is just what we need to give the club a further boost," said coach Nick Pantaras. "The spirit within the club is as good as any I've come across." Pantaras said he had had informal talks with the club about continuing as Omonia coach in 1991. "I intend to continue coaching and being part of the continued improvement at Omonia would be something to look at." A Richard Hughes goal just on half-time gave Apac victory.

★★★

Neil McGachey's position as manager for special sporting events in SA could see him relinquish his position at Birkalla Eagles. The former Adelaide Hellas supremo may not have the time commitment to give to the Camden club's State League challenge. Talks with his employers early next month will clarify the position.

Five-year plan prepared for ACT

BY GRAHAM COOKE



THE ACT Soccer Federation has announced a determined effort to lift the image of its game in the 1990s — and while there may be a long way to go, it has made a good start.

No past Federation initiative has been launched at a seat of government, nor with its president sitting cheek by jowl with a Minister for Sport.

It happened as ACTSF president Ron Watkins sat among journalists at the Legislative Assembly's Joint Party Room to hear Sports Minister Bernard Collaery describe the plan as 'one of the most far-sighted and forward-thinking yet developed by ACT sport.'

"I believe it is appropriate that I should, at this meeting, recognise this historic move from an amateur, though organised, basis to a professional structure which will allow soccer to develop further," Collaery said.

Sports consultant Barry Neame will undertake a full review of the Federation's options, involving players, officials, administrators and parents down to the grassiest of grass roots level.

The aims of the review will be to allow soccer to gain greater prominence within the community; to define the roles of the clubs within the competition structure; and to develop a high-profile National and NSW League franchise.

At its conclusion an operating plan for the next five years will be announced.

A position paper has already been circulated

around clubs and consultations will begin almost at once.

They will take the form of a series of small meetings, probably involving no more than two clubs at a time, in order to seek the widest basis for agreement.

Watkins stressed that Canberra Croatia, currently striving to win a place in the Quit National Soccer League, will be a part of that process.

"We have one common interest and that is the future of the game," he said.

"Croatia is a solidly based club, but they can't make it on their own."

"They will need the support of the soccer community and of the financial clubs in Canberra."

The 1990 initiative differs from the past in that it will be conducted by an outside agency through consultation, rather than imposed on traditionally rebellious clubs from above.

In that lies its best chance of success.

NSW State Indoor League

FROM BOB GENNER

AT the final competition round of the State League Arena football on Monday, September 3, four teams were still in the running to qualify for the last two positions in the top four.

Results on the day were: Tornados 6, Strikers B 4, Commodores 6, Liverpool 5, Strikers A 7, Celtic 2, Peach Munn 2, Marios Boys 3, Pretti Boys 2, Epping 2.

The points stand at: Commodores 54, Liverpool 40, Tornados 36, Strikers A 36, Olympic 35, Pretti Boys 34, Peach Munn 25, Epping 21, Strikers B 21, Marios Boys 18, Celtic.

The leading scorers are: Filipovic 66, White 38, Bogicevic 32, Rago 21, Genc 19, Younan 19.

In the opening match, Tornados eventually won convincingly over Celtic.

Tornados had the best of the match early, leading 5-0 by half-time. Tony Person set the trend for the evening with five excellent goals.

Celtic came back in the final minutes with their two goals.

Scorers: Tornados — Pearson 5, Younan 1, Celtic — Valanidis 1, Kinda 1.

Game 2 was between Peach Munn and Strikers B and was played with a terrific spirit because a position in the semis was

not hanging on the result.

Strikers B pegged a goal back before half time and then forged to the lead after the break.

Scorers: Strikers B — Kuzmovic 3, Milovanovic 1, Peach Munn — Peachey 2.

Game 3: This match had minor premiers Commodore in a battle against their little brother, Marios Boys, and like all local derbies developed into a good contest.

The master scorers, Commodores lead from the 3rd minute with a Vince Nastoski contribution. John White also added two in this first session with Craig Jones countering for his team.

As the second half unfolded, Marios Boys fought back to 4-2 in an entertaining end to end period.

Scorers: Commodore — White 4, Shiska 1, Nastovski 1, Marios Boys — Jones 1, Byrne 1, Stojilovic 1.

Game 4: Liverpool eliminated Pretti Boys from the semi-finals in this game when they finished up 5-2 winners.

Scorers: Liverpool — Glasscock 3, Gilligan 1, Lembyk 1, Pretti Boys — Rago 1, Dicks 1.

Game 5: In the final match of the evening, Strikers A beat Epping 7-2, the clearest margin of the night.

Scorers: Strikers A — Pachas 2, Zec 2,

Maslandric 1, Bogicevic 1, own goal (Giometti). Epping — Smith 1, Aboudib 1.

The semi-finals to be played tonight (Monday) are: 7pm Commodore v Tornados. 8pm Liverpool v Strikers A. 9.30pm Final.

Check the next ASW issue for results.

ACT rep matches

THE once-annual representative fixture between the ACT and Illawarra leagues has been partially revived with the news the two will play a youth match at Hawker Oval on October 14 at 12.30pm.

This will be followed at 2.30pm by a senior match between the ACT League and Combined Services.

ACT Federation vice-president Steve Darby said Tuggeranong United's Ian Heywood will coach the youth team with Steve Forshaw (Belconnen United) in charge of the seniors.

"With these fixtures, every player in the ACT, from 14 upwards, will have had an opportunity to play representative football," he said.

— GRAHAM COOKE

ACT LEAGUE (Final)

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Belconnen Utd	21	13	5	3	43	20	31
C. City Con.	21	13	3	5	50	28	29
Juventus	21	10	6	5	45	29	26
Tuggeranong	21	9	7	5	49	31	25
Uni of Can.	21	8	7	6	44	39	23
C'terra Croatia	21	10	2	9	39	30	22
Weston Creek	21	3	4	14	23	50	10
Defence Acad	21	0	2	19	13	79	2

Bluebirds soar in Rockhampton

FROM BARRY SUCH

BLUEBIRDS striker Gary Banks scored twice in extra-time to put them in the grand final of the Power's Bitter Premier League with a 2-0 victory over Frenchville in the major semi-final played at Norbridge Park.



GAVIN JENKINS

In the end it was Bluebird's superior fitness that told as a couple of Frenchville players appeared to be carrying injuries late in the game.

The win was made sweeter for Bluebirds as Frenchville had come with a late run to snatch the minor premiership from them.

Gavin Jenkins wasn't in the Frenchville line-up and Steve Lines was missing from the Bluebirds' team sheet due a hamstring injury suffered at training on Thursday evening.

Banks had his best game for a while, looking particularly lively and with a little luck



MARK DOE

could have put Bluebirds ahead after a quarter of an hour.

The ball had been played high into the Frenchville penalty area and goalkeeper Chris Gordon was just able to hold on to it, getting there a fraction of second earlier.

Craig Green was Frenchville's best player and looked particularly dangerous in and around the penalty area.

He had the best of Frenchville's early chances when following a free kick awarded just outside the penalty area he forced a magnificent diving save from Bluebirds goalkeeper Ashley Myatt.



STEVE LINES

Green seems to have the uncanny ability to turn half-chances into

definite ones.

One of them was from a 40-metre run and it was only the sandy conditions that forced him to lose control of the ball at the crucial moment.

A superb effort from Mark Doe shortly after half-time probably turned the game in Bluebirds' favour.

Darren Volling had a left foot snap that looked as though it would finish in the back of the net until Doe came out of nowhere to fling himself across the goalmouth and head wide.



JASON WYER

Bluebirds then had to defend desperately for a few minutes as firstly Myatt got them into trouble with a bad goal kick and then Barry Cunningham hit the bar.

David Swanson was the key defender on both occasions.

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Colombian referee scandal

By Mario Etchart

The ban on all officially sanctioned international games in Colombia because of alleged death threat against a referee has provoked an emotional outcry in Colombia.

"This decision is disproportionate, out of place and offensive," said Education Minister Alfonso Valdívieso, who oversees professional sports in Colombia.

The South American Soccer Federation (CSF), last week, barred Colombia and its club teams from hosting any CSF sanctioned tournament games.

The ban immediately postponed a Libertadores Cup semifinal match scheduled for last Wednesday between Colombia's Atletico Nacional and Paraguay's Olimpia in Medellin.

The action came after Rio de Janeiro club Vasco da Gama filed a complaint with the CSF claiming that referee Juan Daniel Cardellino of Uruguay was threatened with death before last Wednesday's match against Atletico, and that Cardellino had supported their allegation.

As a result of such decision referees from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay told the South American Soccer Federation they might refuse to work in Colombia because of threats to their safety, a league spokesman said today.

"It's becoming increasingly difficult to find referees who are willing to travel to Colombia to work", added

the spokesman, who asked his name not be used.

The development follows the complaint by Vasco da Gama of Brazil that referees in its August 29 Libertadores Cup quarter-final match against defending champion Atletico Nacional of Medellin were threatened with death by gunmen if the Colombian team lost.

Atletico won the match 2-0 in Medellin and advanced to the semifinals though league officials are debating whether to award the victory to Vasco da Gama, or let it stand but require Atletico to play the rest of the tournament outside Colombia.

The director of Olimpia of Paraguay said his team's safety was threatened before its match in the championship game last year against Atletico al Medellin. Olimpia lost on penalty shots.

"Colombians themselves suffered... The effects of violence last year when referee Alvaro Ortega was killed by unknown (gunmen), which resulted in the suspension of the championship for several months," the league spokesman said.

In addition to the tournament ban, the CSF said it will investigate the incident and has scheduled an emergency meeting at its headquarters in Asuncion, Paraguay to discuss the matter.

Several Colombian officials travelled to Paraguay to protest the CSF decision. The Colombian television



Colombian star Carlos Valderrama

news program Noticiero Nacional reported that Cardellino filed a formal complaint before the CSF saying he was offered \$25,000 to favor the Colombian team or he would be killed. Cardellino has so far made no public statements.

Atletico Nacional is the defending Libertadores Cup champion.

Murder, kidnappings and drug trafficking have plagued Colombian soccer for years.

On November 15, referee Alvaro Ortega was mur-

dered, apparently by drug traffickers, forcing the suspension of all professional soccer in Colombia.

STOP PRESS: The South American Confederation decreed on Friday that the Atletico Nacional v Vasco da Gama return match was to be replayed this week in neutral Santiago, Chile.

ACT Federation mends bridges

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THE ACT Soccer Federation has moved to improve the strained relations between it and the area's leading club, Canberra Croatia, over statements by president Ron Watkins that he would not give support to Croatia's effort to enter the Quit National League.

Federation vice president Steve Darby said that although Watkins had taken great pains to stress his was a personal view, there was still a misconception that his remarks constituted official policy.

"In order to clarify the situation we stress the Federation has no intention of putting any impediment in the way of Croatia entering the NQNSL in 1990 should it win promotion," he said.

"It is essential our youngsters have the chance to watch local players compete against the elite of Australia and to see members of the Socceroo squad live in action.

"We would also take this opportunity of congratulating Ned Zelic on his tremendous achievement in being selected as captain of the Australian Olympic team and note that following the appearances of Tony Pangallo for the under-16s last year, two players from Canberra have gained national selection since Croatia took over the running of the club."

THE RECENT public debate over the appropriateness of comments by ACT Soccer Federation president Ron Watkins displays an ignorance of the historical reality and future potential of the game in this country.

Anyone who doubts that soccer in Australia could have a proud and profitable future was not present at the Sydney Football Stadium on one Sunday in April last year.

Only hours after news had broken of the deaths of nearly 100 fans at Hillsborough in England, an overflow crowd of more than 45,000 clogged stair and passageways to watch Australia face Israel in a World Cup qualifying match.

The size of the crowd was pleasing but even more impressive was its make-up. It was the purest of examples of a cross-section of our modern Australian society.

There were people of all ages, classes and both sexes — a great many were Australian born (like myself), while others had Australian parentage on both sides of their family.

Mixed in with us were migrants from all parts of the world.

What most of those who so blindly and narrowly follow the rugby codes or Australian rules would find incomprehensible is that such a crowd on that tension-filled occasion could have been not only friendly and co-operative but also passionately pro-Australian.

In my more than two decades of watching the Socceroos, the support they gave was definitely the noisiest and most patriotic.

Has this ever happened in Australian soccer before?

Well at club level probably only twice. The second time was the brief but spectacularly successful reign of the community-based Newcastle KB United which was modelled on its national capital predecessor.

The first occasion was with Canberra City in 1978-79. The then recently formed club had just moved its home games to Bruce Stadium.

The Canberra public began to identify with the club because it was not the preserve of any one ethnic group but was seen to represent the city. Despite this, the club failed to get the moral or financial support of the city's ethnic clubs.

Within a couple of years, a meeting of foundation members was asked to approve the financial and decision-making involvement of the Greek-supported Downer Olympic Club.

At that meeting I was alone in opposing such a move, saying that a link with any one ethnic club

would kill Canberra City. My fellow members felt that life could still go on with little change. Perhaps now, with Canberra City and its ideals long buried, they are wiser — but are those who control Canberra Croatia?

I have been among Croatian crowds both in Canberra and Sydney many times over the years and the poor image they have in the broader community is most undeserved.

Soccer expert Chris Kunz sets out his viewpoint on Canberra's future pending resolution of the 1990 NSW State League

In my experience they provide the highest proportion of female and family group spectators of any ethnic-backed club.

This is just the sort of balance the sport needs, but sadly no ethnic club in Australian soccer history has ever managed to attract the sizeable, regular support of a different ethnic group's supporters, let alone the wider Australian community.

Why have the Socceroos and, in their time, Canberra City and Newcastle been successful? The answer is clearly their willingness and ability to appeal to the whole community rather than a narrow, ethnic group.

In these times, when pressure groups can make governments feel it is important to adopt multicultural policies, many migrants and particularly their children search for acceptance in the broader community.

Associating themselves with the current club set-up is not acceptable to many but the Socceroos are an appropriate outlet.

Some facts about the game and its impact on our society are relevant here:

- Every week hundreds of thousands of men, women, boys and girls enjoy playing the game — a majority of them Australian born, many with Australian backgrounds.

- For years now advertising executives have acknowledged soccer's status and potential by including soccer balls in advertisements designed to appeal to middle-class Australians.

- Soccer authorities have allowed a situation to exist where clubs playing at the national level are

backed by a single ethnic group. Most clubs have come from the three largest non-English speaking migrant groups — Italians, Greeks and those from the geographic area of Yugoslavia.

- In 1976 Australia's population was just under 14 million. In the 14 seasons since the creation of the Philips Soccer League in 1977 an average of nearly 100,000 migrants have arrived in this country each year from nations where soccer is the national sport, if not a religion.

- There has hardly been a single weekend in those 14 seasons when the total attendance at the National League games around the country — and at one stage there were 24 teams — even reached 50,000.

Such a situation is not only disgraceful but betrays how far removed the competition is from the hearts and minds of, obviously the broader Australian community, definitely the general migrant population and even the specific ethnic group that each club is based on and pretends to attract.

In the 89-90 season the successful South Melbourne Hellas was the Melbourne Greek community's only representative in the national competition.

In a city that boasts one of the largest Greek populations in the world, they scrambled to average barely 5000 — quite a number of whom were supporters of Melbourne clubs they opposed.

And Canberra Croatia president Frank Crnkovic wants a 51 per cent Croatian controlled and financed club to represent the Canberra community!

Has he ever paused to calculate how many non-Croatians attend Canberra Croatia's games? Has he ever understood that many people may feel uncomfortable among a crowd composed almost exclusively of one ethnic group?

The only solution is for Canberra's major ethnic groups to unite with the broader community and accept a minority role in any future National League set-up.

In this way each can make a genuine contribution to the future of the game they profess to love, rather than the narrow, self-serving stance adopted since Canberra City sold its soul for survival.

Perhaps it was with an appreciation of what is required in the future that Ron Watkins made his comments opposing majority Croatian control.

If so, he should be applauded for his realism, not forced to resign.

CHRIS KUNZ Chifley

The Canberra Croatia debate

Victoria's last throw for rationalisation

BY GREG BLAKE

VICTORIA's five year survival plan will be put to Victorian Soccer Federation member clubs on Monday, September 17.

The 15-page submission to be put to the vote at the special general meeting is a last-gasp attempt by the VSF to re-organise its ailing competitions.

Despite three previous failed attempts to re-organise VSF competition the VSF is pressing ahead with this final proposal, which has been drafted with the aim of appeasing the various factions who have argued loud and long over the issue of reform for the past three years.

The VSF believes that the support of this final proposal by member clubs is essential to the long-term survival of all Victorian clubs, rather than the select few who would prosper should the ASF step in.

The VSF will only ask for ASF intervention as a final option.

The six main categories covered in the final submission are:

- Structure and composition of leagues and divisions
- Composition of the board of management
- Voting structure
- Affiliation to the ASF
- Re-admission of Melbourne based NSL clubs
- Ground and facilities criteria

At the end of the 1990 Season it is proposed that the Federation introduce the following League structure and composition of Leagues:

PREMIER LEAGUE OF VICTORIA	14 CLUBS
STATE LEAGUE — FIRST DIVISION	16 CLUBS
STATE LEAGUE — SECOND DIVISION	16 CLUBS
STATE LEAGUE — THIRD DIVISION	14 CLUBS
STATE LEAGUE — FOURTH DIVISION	14 CLUBS
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE — FIRST DIVISION	14 CLUBS
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE — SECOND DIVISION	14 CLUBS
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE — THIRD DIVISION	14 CLUBS
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE — FOURTH DIVISION	14 CLUBS
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE — FIFTH DIVISION	15 CLUBS
TOTAL NUMBER OF CLUBS	145 CLUBS

PREMIER LEAGUE

ONE DIVISION — 14 CLUBS

- Top 12 Clubs from 1990 State League Table
- Top 2 Clubs from 1990 Victorian League Division One Table

FEATURES INCLUDE:

The Premier League of Victoria will be the ultimate League in the League structure.

The Victorian League will cease to exist at the end of the 1990 Season.

The Amateur League will cease to exist at the end of the 1990 Season.

It should be noted that the Industrial League has now changed its name to the Amateur League. By maintaining our Amateur League it would simply be confusing as it would be a duplication of names.

It is proposed that Provisional League Divisions Four and Five play on Sundays only.

Provisional League Divisions Four and Five would be exclusively for amateur players. Clubs presently in Provisional League Division Three who are placed in Division Four for the 1991 Season who have non-Amateur players cur-

rently registered with their clubs, will have to arrange for their change of status to Amateur by not later than the commencement of the 1992 Season.

It is proposed that by the start of 1994 all Divisions of the Provisional League be for amateur players only, and from the start of 1995 this apply also to State League Division Four.

It is proposed that no new clubs be admitted to the Federation as it is generally agreed we have too many already.

It will be noted that there are sixteen (16) Clubs shown in State League Division 1 and 2 during the 1991 Season. It is proposed that we make transitional rules with the ultimate aim of all Leagues and Divisions having a composition of fourteen (14) Clubs.

An example of how this would be achieved is as shown in the tabulation.

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
PREMIER LEAGUE OF VICTORIA	14	14	14	14	14	14
STATE LEAGUE						
1st Division	16	14	14	14	14	14
2nd Division	16	16	14	14	14	14
3rd Division	14	16	16	14	14	14
4th Division	14	14	16	16	14	14
PROVISIONAL LEAGUE						
1st Division	14	14	14	16	16	14
2nd Division	14	14	14	14	16	16
3rd Division	14	14	14	14	14	16
4th Division	14	14	14	14	14	14
5th Division	15	15	14	14	14	14

to the Top Two (2) Clubs in the composition of Leagues detailed herein then such promotion will be subject to Clubs meeting the Grounds and Facilities criteria.

Should the 1990 Victorian State League Champions elect to participate and win the NSL Play-Off series and gain a place in the National Soccer League for the forthcoming season the following will apply:

(i) The 13th placed Club in the 1990 State League Championship table would be retained in the Premier League of Victoria in the 1991 season thus ensuring a fourteen (14) Club competition.

(ii) The 11th placed Club in the 1990 Victorian League Division One Championship table would be retained in Division One of the State

League in the 1991 season.

(iii) Division Two of the State League would therefore comprise fifteen (15) Clubs in the 1991 season.

(iv) If (i) above should transpire, and one or more Melbourne-based NSL Clubs is relegated at the end of the 1990/91 NSL Season, they should be placed into the Premier League of Victoria also for the 1991 season. At the conclusion of the 1991 season the Federation would therefore reduce the number of Clubs to fourteen once again prior to the commencement of the 1992 season in accordance with its long term policy of all Leagues and Divi-

PROPOSED REVISED COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The following revised composition of the Board of Management is proposed:

* Melbourne-based NSL Clubs	: Two Delegates
* Premier League of Victoria Chairperson	: One Person
Plus Three Premier League of Victoria Delegates	: Three Delegates
* State League Chairperson	: One Person
Plus Three State League Delegates	: Three Delegates
* Provisional League Chairperson	: One Delegate
* Independent Affiliated Leagues Delegate	: One Delegate
* Victorian Soccer Federation Chairperson	: One Person
* Chairperson elected by the Victorian Junior Leagues	: One Delegate
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT TOTAL	: FOURTEEN (14)

sions ultimately comprising fourteen (14) Clubs.

This would be in accordance with the policy of other States.

VOTING STRUCTURE

Voting Rights of Member Clubs
The voting rights of Member Clubs would not vary from the existing voting structure. The Rules would need to be revised to reflect the proposed name changes, but there is no erosion of parties' existing voting rights.

The Provisional League Clubs would not be granted Membership and therefore they will not be entitled to any votes at Annual General Meetings or other General Meetings.

RE-ADMISSION OF NSL CLUBS

The issue of promotion and relegation to and from the National Soccer League needs to be incorporated in the Rules.

The precedent of allowing Melbourne-based National League Clubs to return to our State League (as it is presently known) when they have been relegated, is one which is long established but it should nevertheless be formally addressed in the Rules.

A degree of flexibility in the drafting of such Rules will be required as the size and composition of the National League and promotion and relegation thereto is still to be determined by the Australian Soccer Federation.

With the change to Summer Soccer by the National Soccer League a major problem could arise if a Melbourne-based Club is relegated at the end of the 1990/91 Season! The NSL Season does not end until April 1991, by which time the Premier League of Victoria Season will have commenced. This would mean a team relegated would be out of competition for almost a year.

This would not be in the interests of the game and grossly unfair on the Club concerned and its members and supporters. Provision should therefore be made for a such a Club to enter the Premier League of Victoria competition late and to play a series of catch-up games for the early rounds which they miss.

GROUND AND FACILITIES

PREMIER LEAGUE

It is the ultimate objective of the Federation that all Clubs placed in the Premier League of Victoria have grounds and facilities befitting their status but also that they achieve and maintain a higher level of professionalism and commitment to the development of the game.

To achieve these objectives it is proposed that the following requirements be incorporated in the Rules which will be applicable to Clubs wishing to participate in this League.

Each Club admitted must be able to comply with the minimum ground classification requirements stipulated in Regulation 17, Class "B" ground.

Each Club must have paid all outstanding debts to the Federation prior to the Federation's Annual General Meeting.

That each Club undertakes to enter a team in the National Youth League — Southern Division in the 1991/1992 Season, and maintain membership of that League whilst placed in the Premier League of Victoria.

In addition to the National Youth League team they have at least three (3) other junior teams entered in the JLMC competition.

Each Club have to undertake to appoint a Media Liaison Officer prior to the commencement of the 1991 Season and maintain such an Officer for all subsequent seasons.

Each Club must undertake to purchase a facsimile machine to be installed at the home ground in order to send results, goal scorers, team sheets, etc, to the Federation on each match day. It would also be used for improved day to day communications with the Federation, media and other Clubs.

All Premier League of Victoria Clubs must make registered players available for promotional activities in their local communities which would be arranged by the Federation. Such activities would include coaching sessions at local schools under the control and supervision of the State Director of Coaching.

Each Club would have to give an undertaking to release any of their players selected to attend coaching camps and tours arranged by the National Team Coaches and/or Victorian State Director of Coaching.



BRUCE MACLAREN — the reliable goalkeeper who remains grossly under-rated will again play a key role in South Melbourne Hellas' push for the upcoming QNSL season.

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"Also arrangements are in hand to secure 22-year-old midfielder Mario Novakovic from Hajduk Split," he said.

Big-name transfers have been quieter in Melbourne and Adelaide to date.

Resolution of the current NSL play-offs will lead to some surprise switches of clubs.

Young Kris Trajanovski will be a big gain for determined Preston, who have also secured reliable defender Shaun Parton from Sunshine George Cross.

It will be a quiet year in the transfer market for clubs such as Sydney Olympic, Parramatta Melita, St George South Melbourne and Adelaide City.

Olympic are sweating on the return of ace strikers Abbas Saad and Alistair Edwards from Singapore.

Both are contractually obliged to be ready in Sydney for the start of the season.

The club will suffer from the retirement of their outstanding servant, Gary Phillips.

Now the clubs are

awaiting the release of the 1990/91 draw.

The lateness of finalisation of the State Leagues and the play-offs is causing a deal of heartache amongst the present clubs' promotions managers.

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Frenchville coach Doug Swain brought on star striker Jason Wyer midway through the second half and it may prove costly.

Wyer has been missing for several weeks due to a knee injury and after a couple of crunching tackles was again a passenger.

Bluebirds' best player was clearly Todd de Courcy who ran strongly all game and made the most of his opportunities.

Late in normal time he had broke through to get Bluebirds' last chance but a desperate lunge from a Bluebirds defender forced him to put the ball wide.

The extra 30 minutes was Bluebirds' best period.

They forced Frenchville to clear the line several times before a bad bounce eluded the defence and gave Banks a relatively easy run to goal.

Bluebirds' second goal didn't come until the last minute of the second period.

Banks received the ball just inside the penalty area and turned well before sliding the ball under the advancing Gordon.

Australian Women's National Championships

Valentine Park, Parklea

Sun, September 16 — Sat, September 22

TIME	GROUND NO.	MATCH
DAY ONE — SUNDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER, 1990		
10.00am	2	ACT -v- Northern NSW
11.30am	2	Victoria -v- Tasmania
01.00pm	2	South Queensland -v- NSW
02.30pm	2	Western Australia -v- South Australia
DAY TWO — MONDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER, 1990		
10.00am	1	NSW -v- Victoria
11.30pm	1	South Australia -v- South Queensland
01.00pm	1	Northern NSW -v- Western Australia
02.30pm	1	Tasmania -v- ACT
DAY THREE — TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1990		
10.00am	2	Victoria -v- South Australia
11.30am	2	NSW -v- Tasmania
01.00pm	2	Western Australia -v- ACT
02.30pm	2	South Queensland -v- Northern NSW
DAY FOUR — WEDNESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER, 1990		
10.00am	1	Tasmania -v- Western Australia
11.30pm	1	ACT -v- South Queensland
01.00pm	1	Northern NSW -v- Victoria
02.30pm	1	South Australia -v- NSW
DAY FIVE — THURSDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER, 1990		
10.00am	2	South Queensland -v- Western Australia
11.30am	2	Victoria -v- ACT
01.00pm	2	South Australia -v- Tasmania
02.30pm	2	NSW -v- Northern NSW
DAY SIX — FRIDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1990		
10.00am	1	Victoria -v- South Queensland
11.30pm	1	NSW -v- Western Australia
01.00pm	1	Northern NSW -v- Tasmania
02.30pm	1	South Australia -v- ACT
DAY SEVEN — SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1990		
02.00pm	1	FINAL

NSW Under 14 in Tasmania

NEW South Wales won its first two matches in the National Under-14 Championships in Tasmania.

The NSW boys had fire in their bellies — they had something to prove in their 1-0 win over Northern NSW.

Right from the whistle they took the game to the opposition and attacked and defended as a team.

All the hard work put in by coach Greg Ankudinoff started to pay off.

Leo Mauceri got on to the end of a good move, the team played five one touch passes from their own half of the field but Leo could not finish, putting the ball over the bar.

His next chance hit the cross bar, and then Kapsalis had one cleared off the line.

The goal came off a corner, Chad Gibson knocked the ball in which was cleared but only to J Nikas.

He pushed it back out to Gibson who

crossed the ball first time. Again Ian Pollari was there to rise high over the defenders to head the ball past the goalkeeper.

The second half started with Northern putting pressure on NSW but the defence held their ground and came out on top.

But unfortunately the NSW strikers could not put their chances away.

Mauceri, Nikkas and Seniuk missed chances and late in the second half Scott Lewis made a blind run, came inside the defender but shot to the narrow side and the ball went centimetres wide of the upright.

The boys are now raring to take on a Victorian team who drew 1-1 with Western Australia.

v NT 4-0

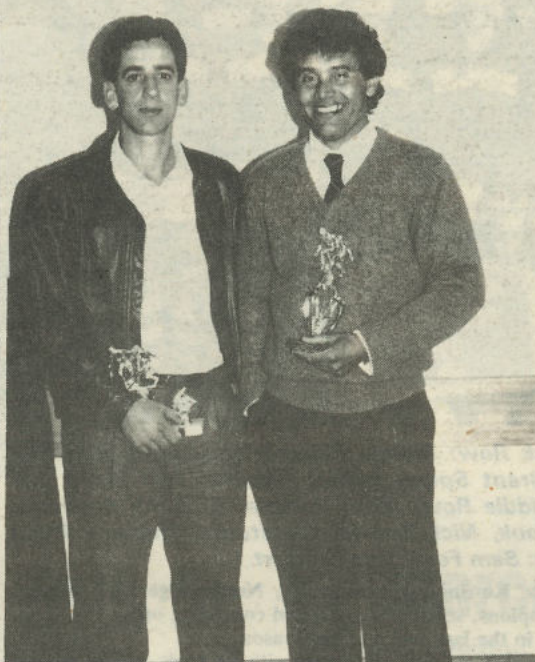
A good start to the competition, although New South Wales were capable of playing better football.

some pressing outstanding commitments.

And there is some bad news for Apia fans, who were expecting to see the lively Richard Miranda in action after spells in New Zealand and with Adelaide Hellas.

Miranda, a Sydney resident who commutes to Adelaide, badly broke an ankle in Hellas' 1-0 NSL promotion match win over Brisbane Lions last Wednesday.

Estavillo honoured



Vince Estavillo (left) and Nestor Meneses with their club trophies.

Fairfield City Soccer Club honoured its coaching staff, headed by brilliant ex-Sydney Olympic midfielder Vince Estavillo with a special dinner held last week at Fairfield Community Hall.

The team guided by Estavillo finished in fourth place in its first year in the NSW State League Second Division, and qualified for the finals series.

The South American based team, after a very poor start, maintained a subsequent unbeaten record of 16 matches, with important wins against champion and runner up Southern Districts and Dulwich Hill Madeira respectively.

In the photo Estavillo and his assistant Nestor Meneses are shown with the trophies presented to them by the Fairfield City officials and fans.

— MARIO ETCHART

Jack Jarvis passes on

Jack Jarvis, founding member of Liverpool Rangers Soccer Club, passed away last Monday.

He was a father figure to hundreds of the players who were involved

with him in the club for its 26 years existence.

A true man of vision, he was involved in building good citizenship amongst the younger members of the Liverpool community.

— RON HUGHES

Sydney Ethnic World Cup to kick off

BY MARIO ETCHART

THE 7th Sydney Ethnic Soccer World Cup will begin on Saturday, September 29 with a spectacular opening ceremony.

The organising committee will pay tribute to SBS TV for the brilliant coverage of the Italia 90 Soccer World Cup.

The draw for the Cup was held last Saturday at Granville Chile Soccer Club in the presence of all delegates of the communities involved.

The groups for the All Age championships are as follows:

Group One: Host nation and current champion Chile, Colombia, Argentina and a newcomer, Korea.

Group Two: Uruguay, Romania, Costa Rica and Peru.

Group Three: Northern Cyprus, Assyria, Italy and Spain.

Group Four: Turkey, El Salvador, Yugoslavia and Ireland.

In the Over 35 category, the groups are:

Group One: Chile, Italy, Iceland, Greece.

Group Two: Argentina, Uruguay, El Salvador, Germany.

Group Three: Australia, Spain, Romania, Ecuador.

Group Four: Northern Cyprus, Peru, Ireland, Colombia.

The first two in each group will qualify for the quarter finals in a KO elimination system.

The grand final will be played on Sunday, November 4 with the winning team in the All Age championship taking \$10,000 as first prize and the coveted Ethnic Cup.

Some significant changes were made to the rules of the competition.

In case the final finishes in a draw after extra time, the match will be replayed on the following Sunday.

Three yellow cards to the same player means automatic suspension in the next game.

A red card means automatic suspension in the match and the player must face the Disciplinary Committee. The committee will rule on further suspension depending on the severity of the case.

All matches will be played at Garside Park at Granville every Saturday and Sunday.

Last year's winner Chile, Turkey, Uruguay, Colombia and Yugoslavia are some of the favourites to take the title.

Fancied side, Turkey, will go all out to win the elusive trophy.

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AEROLINEAS ARGENTINAS

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1989/90 summer season."

Whilst Marconi was easily able to absorb its soccer loss into the \$1.5 million profit on the social club's operation, another NSL club has no such backing.

Informed sources indicate that it is in dire straights, desperately trying to find enough brass to commence the coming season and without having faced up to

Youngster on target

ASW recently used a stock photograph of a little fellow in a vertically striped jersey as an illustration for Part 1 of Walter de Ste Croix' article — Bringing up Joeys.

The article brought a quick response.

The youngster, Jamie Amendolia, who was then six is now 13, and really enjoying his football.

He is now a midfielder/winger with the Southern Districts/Marconi team in the NSW Youth League.

As an under 6 Jamie scored 187 goals in a season, resulting in an entry in the Guinness Book of Records.

The following year he knocked in a remarkable 131 goals.

Apart from playing, he coached Enfield U8 first division to win two grand finals last year.

The team took the grand final this year, conceding only six goals along the way.



NORTHBRIDGE U13: Back Row: Margie Pillemer (manager), Ben Hinshelwood, Sam Stark, Brent Spero, Daniel Pillemer, Ryo Inove, Bill Papastamatis (coach). Middle Row: Mark Cortese, Anthony Castrisos, Mark Pillemer, John Snook, Nick Kontra, Christophe Thibaux. Front Row: Sam Ford, Tom Stewart.

Playing in Division 1 of the Ku-ring-gai Association, Northbridge U13 finished the season as undefeated champions, scoring 32 goals and conceding one.

And that one was a penalty in the last match of the season. Right winger John Snook ended up top goalscorer with 11 goals, whilst central midfielder Ben Hinshelwood was the team's most consistent player.

The team, coached by Billy Papas and managed by Ms Margie Pillemer, played most attractive, attacking soccer and won their competition by a clear six points.

The Northbridge defence was superb throughout the season, marshalled by star sweeper, Sam Stark.

The young champions had two brothers playing — goalkeeper Daniel Pillemer and stopper Mark.

The team is involved in Round 2 of the "Champions of Champions" competition.

— J. ECONOMOS

Craig Young's premiership victory

BY DAVID SMEDLEY



Craig Young with his North Sutherland Rockets after they won the Sutherland Shire 9B grand final — Pic by courtesy of The Leader.

FORMER St George rugby league player and coach Craig Young celebrated victory in a football code other than the one he has been associated with for so many years.

Young, coach of the North Sutherland Rockets Under 9B soccer team, saw his youngsters defeat Bonnet Bay 1-0 in the grand final last weekend.

The Rockets, under the guidance of Young, also took the minor premiership, scoring 34 goals and conceding only eight in

18 matches.

Recently sacked from the league coaching job, Young had a chance to savour a premiership victory that for so long had

avoided him in rugby league.

The success of the team came as no surprise to Young himself, whose family has had a very successful past in Australian soccer.

As a keen player in the Wollongong dis-

trict, Young took out many junior championships.

His father Bob had a successful run as an Australian representative in the 1950s, and his brother Warwick was a regular NSL goalkeeper with Wollongong Wolves.

COMMONWEALTH BANK BILL TURNER CUP U15 FINALS

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3rd place: Sunnybank 4 Lithgow 0.

Final: Epping Boys 2 Whitebridge 0 AET.

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COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP FINALS

Hurstville and James Ruse to defend their titles

BY DAVID SMEDLEY

DEFENDING champions, Hurstville Boys High and James Ruse Girls, will defend their titles in the upcoming finals of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup this Friday September 14.

The statewide competition consists of High schools from every region of the state and will culminate with two exciting finals to be held at Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Avenue, Seven Hills.

Their opponents will be Figtree High School and Bass High School respectively.

Both the challengers had every impressive victories in the semi-finals.

Figtree defeated a strong Dulwich side 3-0, while Bass thrashed last year's runners-up, Glendale, 6-0.

In 1989 James Ruse High defeated Bass in a semi-final thriller that went to penalties.

Both finals are to be held on Friday with the girls kicking off first at 5pm followed by the boys' finals.

James Ruse Girls' High School squad: Tracy Clay, Elizabeth Cotton, Wymin Yuen, Sandra Burwood, Anna-Lisa Berra, Melanie Panisset, Debbie Coventry, Megan Cotton, Kelly Francis, Heloise Gibb, Anna Lisa Berra, Kiri Menere, Yvette Cotton, Kate Fagan, Kim Crozier.

Bass High: Vicki Porter, Lyndal Stibbaro, Michelle Brigden, Jaycie Bogdanek, Kylie Hawes, Kylie Jenkins, Leisa Fardell, Tracey Kerin, Rebecca Tansley, Kelly Hall, Michelle Watson, Kylie Fardell, Rachel Stibbard, Vicki Lumb. Coach: M. Howden.

NEW JUNIOR ACADEMY FOR GIRLS

AGED 11 TO 17

NSW Soccer Federation, in an endeavour to improve the standard of Ladies Soccer are introducing a Skill Development Program for girls.

There will be two groups:-

- Ages (1) 11 to 13
- (2) 14 to 17

The girls will receive free coaching during the summer months. One or two sessions per week will be held at Valentine Park, Parklea.

With the new demands of international womens soccer and the rising popularity of the game — with over 170 teams playing in the Commonwealth Shield — it is time to implement a supervised Skill Development Program. Trials will be held in late September.

If anyone wishes to register for a trial, please phone 629 1800 between the hours of 8.30am and 2.30pm and speak to Tricia.

David B Lee
NSW DIRECTOR OF COACHING

Klaus Okon's Futsal base



"BASE" INDOOR TEAM — left to right: Oscar Zechner, Chris Zechner, Klaus Okon, Mick Matic and Leos Leonos.

WELL known Apia Leichhardt midfielder Klaus Okon has banded together with friends to form an indoor soccer side with high hopes of big things in their current competition.

With Okon, 21, at the helm, he has a youthful band of enthusiastic "would-be stars" playing in a team simply called "Base".

The team plays in the once famed Rapid Riverside red and white strip.

A few years ago Austrian backed Rapid Riverside merged with Avala to form a strong NSW State League unit.

"Base" now carries on the name of Rapid and in the team there are three players who are sons of ex-Rapid team members.

Recently "Base" zoomed up the table in their competition and are now gunning for the championship.

— MARK STRACHAN

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The Robert Wheatley column



Marconi helps Griffith

IN a long overdue move aimed at the promotion and development of soccer in country areas, Marconi Soccer Club and the NSWASF's schools program are combining forces and taking the road to Griffith where four days will be spent spreading the message of soccer.

The program, which takes the form of junior coaching sessions, games, interviews and school visits, is a concentrated attempt to spread the game in the country.

These areas are deprived of first class games and their knowledge and appreciation of NSL soccer will be enhanced by the visit.

I have always believed that an NSL club should have a sister city in the country that is visited twice a year, preferably at the beginning and end of the junior season.

The current summer NSL format would seem to lend itself to this arrangement.

The avenues of promotion are endless and the country hospitality is a well known feature of Australia.

Marconi will be put to a stern pre-season test in their encounter with a combined Griffith team on Sunday September 16th.

Saturday 15th will see the players devote their time and energy working with juniors from their local teams.

A tour of the local vineyards is also on the timetable.

The coaching of players in Griffith will not end with the departure of Marconi.

On the Friday preceding and the Monday following the NSL club's visit, school coaching clinics have been arranged.

Jean-Paul de Marigny and myself will visit four local schools including Griffith High, and carry out the program we have been running in other areas of Sydney and NSW.

The success of teams from the Griffith area, underlined by results in round 1 of the Champion of Champions, together with the talent that exists in the area, is a reflection of the ability that is currently available.

Mark Dall'est, a current player in Mar-

coni's youth team, is testimony to the fact that youngsters willing to make the considerable adjustment to life in Sydney can truly make it to the top.

SCHOOLS EXCHANGE



THE NSW Soccer Federation has been hosting the Australian Schools Sports Council Soccer Exchange series at Valentine Sports Park, Parklea.

The event ran over four days with the finals being held last Friday.

The Exchange brought together children from four different states.

All players were billeted out in the Blacktown and Baulkham Hills areas.

NSW has won the event six times in the last nine years with Queensland winning in 1989.

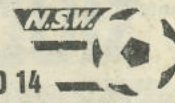
HUNTER JOINS TEAM

VERSATILE defender Alan Hunter has joined the NSWASF's schools coaching staff and is currently coaching in the Granville Association.

His ability to work with young players combined with his sense of humour are perfect ingredients for a successful coach.

He is proving to be a real winner and seems to be enjoying his new role.

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This beautiful Juventus fan displays the object of her affection — Roberto Baggio — on her t-shirt. Juventus, however, were thrashed 5-1 by Napoli in the Italian Super Cup.

Don Howe predicts UK "revolution"

QUEEN's Park Rangers manager Don Howe forecasts that the current English Football League season could well produce a tactical revolution.

Following the success of the sweeper system in the England World Cup team, Howe believes many clubs will copy it.

"I think there will be quite a few clubs who

will try it out," said the man who was England's assistant manager in Italy.

"We've played a sweeper system at Rangers long before my time and we're using it again because we believe it is the best tactic for the players we have.

"The sweeper is not a defensive weapon in football as Italy and the West Germans showed in the World Cup."



PAULO FUTRE — fit again after a serious knee injury and rarin' to go with Atletico Madrid.

Scots plan a big clean-up

SCOTTISH Football Association secretary Jim Barry made an impassioned plea for club directors to use their influence to help clean up the game in Scotland.

Barry's appeal came 24 hours after the new season had opened in ugly fashion with a total of eight sendings-off in the three divisions and a managerial confrontation involving Celtic's Billy McNeill and Motherwell's Tommy McLean.

McNeill and McLean are likely to be in trouble with the SFA after squaring up to each other in the tunnel at half-time during Motherwell's 2-0 home win.

"It's a very disappointing way to begin the new season," said Barry, whose association has launched a new fair play campaign.

"The SFA encourages self-regulation, but if that doesn't work, the already punitive disciplinary sanctions will become even more biting.

"There is a limit to what we can do, though. The re-

sponsibility lies fairly and squarely on the shoulders of the boards.

SHILTON COACHES



FORMER England goalkeeper Peter Shilton will remain on the international soccer scene as his country's goalkeeping coach.

England manager Graham Taylor says that after winning a world record 125 caps, Shilton's vast experience and knowledge of goalkeeping will be invaluable, and he's delighted Shilton is available.

BELANOV FINED

IGOR Belanov, the first Soviet star to play in the West German Bundesliga, has paid a fine of \$18,000 for shoplifting rather than stand trial, his club announced last week.

"It was important for us to avoid the scheduled trial in October and a big public show," said Helmut Grasshoff, managing director of Borussia Moenchengladbach, who paid Dynamo Kiev \$1.2 million for the 29-year-old striker last year.

Belanov, a former European Footballer of the Year, was caught in January with his wife Irina and another Soviet couple loading stolen clothing worth some \$1500 into his car, a store detective told the investigating magistrate.

Belanov, who has played 36 times for the USSR national team, joined Borussia in October but the arrest affected his form.

He scored only four goals in 14 games for the club which finished fourth last season.

Silvio Berlusconi

AC Milan owner came from the sea

BY GIANNI MELIDONI*

SILVIO Berlusconi, one of the four richest Italian entrepreneurs, honoured by the Italian government for his services to industry, was once a piano player on a cruise liner.

When he turned his hand to working on dry land, he became a captain of industry — and an imaginative one, as his earlier adventure as a sea-borne musician had promised.

Happy the man able to dream without being the slave of his dreams, wrote Kipling, who would surely have written a book about Berlusconi.

And little Silvio may well have been a day-dreamer when he was a boy.

In that pre-television age, he probably imagined himself as a traveller inside a machine dreamed up by Jules Verne, another man not enslaved by his fantasies, another forerunner.

He may have imagined building a lake full of swans in the countryside near Milan, the houses reflected in the water.

He may have hoped to become a concert pianist.

But one thing he certainly wanted, as he pasted the AC Milan player's cards into his album: that they should one day become his own, the flesh-and-blood players of AC Milan.

And now he is 50, the spell has not been broken!

The same emotions, even if more controlled, the same colours, the same stadium, with the names of today's three Dutch stars recalling those of AC's trio of Swedish aces in the fifties.

If the past could be recaptured Berlusconi would probably like to send the picture cards onto the field, becoming simultaneously both entrepreneur and little boy. The most satisfying games are those of the imagination; only artists are able to see, hear and feel anew the colours, music and feelings they experienced as they embarked on life's adventure.

It is in this light that Berlusconi burnishes his dream today, before getting down to hard management.

That is why he brought back



AC Milan boss Silvio Berlusconi with the 1989 European Super Cup trophy.

Liedholm, his boyhood idol, before turning to the club's reorganisation.

Liedholm, who represented the past, could not take the club into the future, and Berlusconi knew that deep down.

But he wanted to challenge himself: sentiment against sense, the boy fan against the entrepreneur supporter; a challenge that was lost, but finally won, as a revamped AC Milan was projected toward the year 2000; a sports enterprise concern that offers spectacle in return for profits, just like the two fields in which Berlusconi was celebrated before coming into soccer, television and mega-construction.

Today, the AC Milan industry sells its products sight unseen, via season tickets, and also keeps the cash flowing in every week.

It is sponsored by an insurance firm, Mediolanum, another part of Berlusconi's

empire.

This closed circuit, with its lower running costs, will eventually be widened to include television, too, in a completely autonomous process that eliminates the middlemen.

Berlusconi's new dream, this time a less romantic one, is to capture the whole Italian championship inside an electronic box.

Soccer in all its glory, image by image, at the press of a button — and with advertising's blessing, of course.

But now that the World Cup brought Italy more covered stadiums and seating, a rethink may be in order.

Less television, more spectators in the stands to bring back the climate of enthusiasm of Silvio Berlusconi's growing up, as young fan and future president.

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Berlusconi also savoured AC Milan's 1990 European Cup with his happy players.

Who's The Boss?

HERE is the complete list of all 92 English Football League managers for the 1990/91 season:

First Division

Arsenal-George Graham
Aston Villa-Jozef Venglos
Chelsea-Bobby Campbell
Coventry City-John Sillett
Crystal Palace-Save Coppel
Derby County-Arthur Cox
Everton-Colin Harvey
Leeds United-Howard Wilkinson
Liverpool-Kenny Dalglish
Luton Town-Jim Ryan
Manchester City-Howard Kendall
Manchester United-Alex Ferguson
Norwich City-Dave Stringer
Nottingham Forest-Brian Clough
Queens Park Rangers-Don Howe (coach)
Sheffield United-Dave Bassett
Southampton-Chris Nicholl
Sunderland-Denis Smith
Tottenham Hotspur-Terry Venables
Wimbledon-Ray Harford (caretaker manager)



Second Division

Barnsley-Mel Machin
Blackburn Rovers-Don Mackay
Brighton & Hove Albion-Barry Lloyd
Bristol City-Joe Jordan
Bristol Rovers-Gerry Francis
Charlton Athletic-Lennie Lawrence
Hull City-Stan Ternent
Ipswich Town-John Lyall
Leicester City-David Pleat
Middlesbrough-Colin Todd
Millwall-Bruce Rioch
Newcastle United-Jim Smith
Notts County-Neil Warnock
Oldham Athletic-Joe Royle
Oxford United-Brian Horton
Plymouth Argyle-David Kemp
Portsmouth-Frank Burrows
Port Vale-John Rudge
Sheffield Wednesday-Ron Atkinson
Swindon Town-Osvaldo Ardiles (player manager)
Watford-Colin Lee
West Bromwich Albion-Brian Talbot
West Ham United-Billy Bonds
Wolverhampton Wanderers-Graham Turner



Third Division

Birmingham City-Dave Mackay
Bolton Wanderers-Phil Neal
Bournemouth-Harry Redknapp
Bradford City-John Docherty
Brentford-Steve Perryman (player manager)
Bury-Sam Ellis
Cambridge United-John Beck
Chester City-Harry McNally
Crewe Alexandra-Dario Gradi
Exeter City-Terry Cooper
Fulham-Alan Dicks
Grimsby Town-Alan Buckley
Huddersfield Town-Eoin Hand
Leyton Orient-Frank Clark (director manager)
Mansfield Town-George Foster (player manager)
Preston North End-Les Chapman
Reading-Ian Porterfield
Rotherham United-Billy McEwan
Shrewsbury Town-Asa Hartford
Southend United-David Webb
Stoke City-Alan Ball
Swansea City-Terry Yorath
Tranmere Rovers-John King
Wigan Athletic-Bryan Hamilton (also Chief Ex-



Fourth Division

Aldershot-Len Walker
Blackpool-Graham Carr
Burnley-Frank Casper
Cardiff City-Len Ashurst
Carlisle United-Clive Middlemass
Chesterfield-Paul Hart
Darlington-Brian Little
Doncaster Rovers-Billy Brenner
Gillingham-Damien Richardson
Halifax Town-Jim McCalliog
Hartlepool United-Cyril Knowles
Hereford United-Colin Addison
Lincoln City-Allan Clarke
Maidstone United-Keith Peacock
Northampton Town-Theo Foley
Peterborough United-Mark Lawrenson
Rochdale-Terry Dolan
Scarborough-Ray McHale
Scunthorpe United-Mick Buxton
Stockport County-Danny Bergara
Torquay United-Dave Smith
Walsall-Kenny Hibbitt
Wrexham-Brian Flynn
York City-John Bird



JOHN BARNES in full cry. After a disappointing World Cup, he has hit top form for Liverpool in the new English season.

Zagalo for Vasco da Gama

BRAZIL's former World Cup coach Mario Zagalo has been appointed coach of Rio club Vasco da Gama, the country's reigning champion.

Zagalo coached Brazil to victory in the 1970 World Cup and also played in the winning 1958 and 1962 Cup teams.

"It's all been fixed up. This is my return

to Brazilian football," the 'Jornal do Brasil' newspaper quoted Zagalo as saying.

Club officials were not immediately available to confirm the reports.

Zagalo's last job was as coach to the United Arab Emirates national team.

Despite taking them into this year's World

Cup finals, he was sacked in January after what his employers said was an excessively long holiday.

He replaces Alcir Portella at Vasco.

Portella, stung by heavy criticism of his performance from club supporters, has resigned after only eight months in the job.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1 Erwin; 2 two; 3 Reims; 4 Les Scheinflug; 5 Toto; 6 Joseph Antoine Bell; 7 Innsbruck; 8 Hugo Sanchez; 9 Sarajevo; 10 1930.

'Jacki' for Italy?

UNSETTLED Celtic striker "Jacki" Dziekanowski is set to sign for fellow Pole Zigi Boniek at Lecce.

The Italian club watched Dziekanowski during Celtic's recent tour of West Germany and will have no trouble matching the \$1.7 million asking price.

Definitely on the way out of Parkhead are striker Tommy

Coyne and defender Steve McCahill, who have both been placed on the transfer list.

They could soon be joined by fullback Anton Rogan, whose wages have been stopped after he refused to sign a new contract or a month-to-month deal.